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CJC, JIAS voice citizenship concerns

By
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OTTAWA —

Executive members of two high-profile Jewish organizations met privately last week with Secretary of State David Crombie to voice concerns over proposed changes to Canada's Citizenship Act.

The Canadian Jewish Congress and Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of Canada say Crombie, minister responsible for multiculturalism, was extremely sympathetic to their representations and promised to give them serious consideration.

"We think the meeting was very positive," CJC executive vice-president Alan Rose told The CJN.

The minister was unavailable for comment.

The federal government announced earlier this year it plans to overhaul the 1977 Citizenship Act, ensuring it's up-to-date and takes into account the new Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Rose said the CJC delegation — including Dorothy Reitman, president; Mira Koschitzky, chairman of the national executive; Charles Zaionz, Ontario regional chairman; and Les Scheininger, honorary legal counsel — told Crombie it opposed proposed changes to plural citizenship. The recommended changes are outlined in a government discussion paper entitled Proud to be Canadian.

In plural or dual citizenship Canadians either voluntarily or involuntarily retain or acquire citizenship in another country.

In changes proposed in the discussion paper, Canadians obtaining citizenship in another country may be forced to automatically forfeit their Canadian citizenship; applicants seeking Canadian status may be required to renounce their prior citizenship; and the right to claim citizenship through Canadian parentage could be restricted to the first generation of children.

"We requested strongly that the government not change the present provisions for plural citizenship," said Rose, who attended the meeting.

"A multicultural society should embrace pluralism and plural citizenship. This is a sign of a strong, mature, confident country," Rose said the minister was told.

CJC officials also told Crombie changes in plural citizenship in the Act could affect Canadians born outside the country.

"It could have a very serious practical impact mainly on entitlements such as pensions, inheritances and other such related matters."

Some of the proposed changes could affect Canadian Jews living in Israel and might mean the loss of Canadian citizenship for their children and grandchildren, he said.

Rose said his group told Crombie it felt there was no public demand for changes to plural citizenship. The CJC will continue to monitor the situation.

Herb Abrams, national executive director of Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of Canada (JIAS), also made representations to Crombie during the 45-minute meeting held in the minister's House of Commons office.

Abrams protested a proposed change to the term of residency required for immigrants seeking Canadian citizenship. To qualify, immigrants may have to reside in Canada for five years, instead of the current three.

"Our position insofar resettlement of Jewish immigrants around the world is concerned is that this (proposed change) is a very regressive and negative step back," he said he told Crombie.

Abrams said he told the minister his national agency helps Jewish immigrants and refugees obtain Canadian citizenship, and occasionally holds citizenship

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Diaspora fund raisers oppose deal

Lewinsky faces challenge

By
GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

A powerful group of Jewish Diaspora fund raisers has decided to oppose the leading candidate for the chairmanship of the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency Executive.

News of the surprise move surfaced as the Jewish Agency board of governors voted unanimously to elect Mendel Kaplan, a lawyer and businessman from South Africa, as its next chairman, the top position in international Jewish philanthropy.

Although Kaplan, 51, who lives in Cape Town, entered the race as a dark horse earlier this year, his victory had been expected (CJN Oct. 29).

The big surprise was the fund raisers' move to oppose Akiva Lewinsky as chairman of the WZO-Agency executive. Lewinsky is the Labor Party candidate for the post — one of several to be filled through elections during the World Zionist Congress, which opens here Dec. 6.

Labor last week hammered out a package deal with other Zionist groups virtually assuring Lewinsky's election. Under the arrangement, Labor would offer the post of WZO treasurer to Avraham Avihai, a Toronto-born Israeli who was the choice of the Confederation of United Zionists, of which Hadassah is the largest component.

Other top portfolios were to go to the Association of Reform Zionists of America and to Mercaz, the Conservative Zionist organization. In exchange, these groups — who reportedly control 320 of the 535 delegates to the Zionist Congress — were to support Lewinsky.

But according to power-sharing rules between the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization, the outcome of the WZO elections is subject to the "advice and consent" of the Jewish Agency board of governors.

The 74-member board of governors is evenly split between "Zionist" representatives of the WZO and prominent Jewish leaders and philanthropists — referred to as "the fund raisers," 22 of whom are Americans.

Labor thought the philanthropists would back Lewinsky, despite serious doubts expressed by some

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Human rights on summit menu

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

President Reagan said last week that human rights will be on the agenda when he meets with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev here Dec. 7.

Flanked by Secretary of State George Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, Reagan announced the scheduling of the long-awaited summit after Shevardnadze had presented him with a letter from Gorbachev.

The White House meeting was held between day-long talks at the state department by Shultz and Shevardnadze.

At the summit, the two superpower leaders will sign a treaty to eliminate intermediate and shorter-range missiles, still being negotiated in Geneva, Reagan said. The President said he will discuss with Gorbachev a treaty to reduce strategic arms by 50%, which he hopes could be signed when he visits Moscow next year.

Reagan added that Shevardnadze and he agreed that his meeting with Gorbachev will also cover the "full range of issues" between the United States and the Soviet Union, "including bilateral, regional and human rights issues."

The National Conference on Soviet Jewry (NCSJ) immediately welcomed the summit and expressed the hope that human rights, including the issue of Soviet Jewry, would be high on the agenda.

Morris Abram, chairman of the NCSJ and of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, told a press conference in Washington Monday of plans for a mass demonstration in Washington during the summit to express support of Soviet Jewry.

The summit was scheduled after Gorbachev had refused to set a date for the meeting when Shultz was in Moscow Oct. 22-23. But in a sudden about-face Shevardnadze came to Washington bringing with him the summit date.

Kippa, tallit "in" at temple

TORONTO —

Congregants should resume wearing a kippa and tallit as a sign of communal loyalty, says Holy Blossom Temple Rabbi Dow Marmur.

"They are now badges of Jewish identity and characteristic features of Jewish worship," he writes in the Reform synagogue's latest bulletin.

"If we are serious about being at one with the Jewish people, it must manifest itself not only in fund raising and political support, but also in symbolic action."

Says Marmur: "Ethnicity is 'in' . . . The reasons why Reform Jews did not wear kippa and tallit at prayer in the past are no longer relevant. We no longer have the need to appear different from Orthodox Judaism nor do we have the need to be indistinguishable from Christians at prayer."

He added: "What was proper decades ago is not necessarily what should be done now."

He encourages both men and women to wear them, as part of "Reform's anti-sexist tradition."

Marmur stresses that the accomplishments of Reform pioneers who categorically rejected the kippa and tallit obviated any degree of coercion in his suggestion, for congregants still adamant against their use.

Multimillion $$ opera birthday bash feature

NEW YORK (JTA) —

The most lavish and costly project in operatic history, an $11.5 million production of Giuseppe Verdi's *Nabucco (Nebuchadnezzar)*, will be performed a dozen times in Jerusalem next May as the major attraction of Israel's year-long celebration to mark its 40th anniversary of independence.

"The opera will have a magnificent setting at the Sultan's Pool, known formally as the Hassenfeld Amphitheatre, just outside the city's walls, at a site originally selected by King Herod for Jerusalem's water supply," Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem told a crowded press conference at the Plaza Hotel.

"It was in Jerusalem that the massacre of the Jews took place when the city was overwhelmed by Babylonian forces headed by King Nebuchadnezzar," Kollek said.

Michael Ecker, president of OOS-Opera on Original Site, a Swiss-based company specializing in staging operas at their original location, is the producer of *Nabucco*. He said at the press conference that 12 performances are planned from May 15-29, with the possibility of four additional performances through June 2.

Major opera stars will take part in the production, Ecker disclosed. Those already signed to head the four alternating casts include such luminaries as Grace Bumbry, Olivia Stapp, Ingvar Wixell, Renato Bruson, Kurt Rydl, Martti Talveta and Piero Capuccílli.

According to the producer, the 7,700-seat sultan's pool amphitheatre will be transformed to accommodate a tremendous cast, plus a chorus of approximately 250 singers (the Pro-Musica Chorus of London) and about 850 non-singing performers.

The renowned Italian artistic director, Vittorio Rossi, who will direct the production as well as provide settings and costumes, introduced during the press conference some of the elaborate costumes he already designed for the show. He said that he decided to get involved with *Nabucco* because the opera's message is that "victory is truly in the hands of spirituality and peace . . ."

Moshe Shoshani, head of Israel's tourism ministry in the United States, said that close to 70,000 tourists from all over the world are expected to come to Israel to attend the *Nabucco* performances.

Belt up or face tickets in Israel

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Effective immediately, drivers in Israel, as well as front-seat passengers, will have to wear seat belts at all times, subject to fines if they do not comply.

The transport ministry issued the order, with cabinet approval, because of the alarming increase of traffic accident fatalities and serious injuries. Initially, police will only issue warnings to violators. Beginning Dec. 1, they will get tickets.

Israelis have been required to wear set belts for many years, but only while driving on the highways. The new law makes them mandatory while driving in cities and towns as well.

ENCOUNTER IN BUFFALO

Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal (left) with Alan Shefman, national director of the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith Canada. They met in Buffalo, NY (just across the border from Canada) as Wiesenthal refuses to come here because, Canada, he has said, has been harboring Nazi war criminals. Shefman urged Wiesenthal to reconsider his longstanding decision against a visit in view of the Deschenes Commission report and the resultant law allowing for prosecution here of Nazis residing in Canada. Shefman presented Wiesenthal with a copy of the new book, Justice Delayed, by David Matas and Susan Charendoff.

World-National

Community closes ranks for survival

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

This is a report on a brief journey to an isolated community in the United States and the sentiments I experienced during the visit. I write about it because I think there are some larger issues involved in what I saw and heard.

I was to speak at the 50th anniversary of Temple Emanu-El in Haverhill, Mass. Located some 50-plus miles north of Boston, it is the state's northernmost point and touches on the New Hampshire border. Our ride through the fall landscape was spectacular; this is a beautiful part of the world, and no wonder that people are drawn here to make their residence amidst such natural splendor.

Rabbi Plaut

Haverhill is of modest size, about 75,000 by current estimates. Some decades ago, this was the heart of American shoe and leather manufacturing; but then the industries moved away or shriveled because of foreign competition. A once prosperous city was reduced to economic dislocation and uncertainty. The Jewish community of some hundreds of families experienced a steep decline and soon its older members far outnumbered the rest. The young people went away and did not return; last summer Haverhill had 13 Jewish funerals, while only two bar mitzvahs were celebrated during the whole year. It was a demographic development we in Canada know only too well.

Day school

So the Haverhill Jewish community did what has been done elsewhere: they closed ranks and fought for survival. They amalgamated their religious services and made it possible for the great majority to satisfy their spiritual needs. Temple Emanu-El is affiliated with the Reform movement, but by most standards it fits the requirements of Conservatism. And, small as the community is, they have created a Jewish day school which is affiliated with the (Conservative) United Synagogue. The school has presently some 40 students.

There is still an Orthodox synagogue in town, but it functions only on the High Holidays and most of its members belong to the Temple as well. Still, to keep the old shul alive, daily communal minyanim are held on its premises one week, and the next week at the Temple. There is a spirit of cooperation at work, which no doubt was born of necessity but which since has become part of the community's spirit.

New hope

And suddenly, almost miraculously, the dark days seem at an end and there is a resurgence of hope. Haverhill is coming back. During the last year, high-tech industry has discovered it as a favored locale. Real estate prices are still modest here and general labor is readily available. The town, while in many ways quite isolated, is within reasonable reach of Boston; and young families who find the metropolitan accommodations too expensive have moved north and have accepted the chance of acquiring a good place for their families at the price of commuting.

The new spirit was evident during the 50th anniversary service. The members were proud of having kept Judaism a vital part of their existence. Now the old synagogue will be refurnished; Rabbi Ira Korinow will have new and younger congregants to teach; and most important of all, his members are buoyed by these developments which assure the health of the community.

The rabbi and his wife are both natives of the Greater Boston area and they share a commitment to Hebrew as a vital link in Jewish continuity and speak Hebrew at home. When Rabbi Korinow, accompanied by his 5-year-old son, picked me up at the airport, I noted the young boy's fluency in the sacred tongue. We were driving toward the New Hampshire border . . . toward nowhere, it seemed, yet it was also clear that I was travelling to a place where Judaism was alive and well.

More U.S. Jews backing peace parley

Old taboos in relations are going

By
CHARLES HOFFMAN

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Many of the traditions and taboos that have for years guided the political relationships between Israel and American Jews are now falling by the wayside.

The recent decision of the American Jewish Congress (CJN Oct. 1) to endorse the call by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres for an international conference on the Middle East and to mobilize support for this idea among American Jews was one of the more visible and controversial expressions of this trend.

It has always been accepted that American Zionist groups affiliated to parties in Israel openly take sides in internal Israeli political controversies.

Thus it came as no surprise that Na'amat, the Women's Labor Zionist Organization of America, issued a statement in support of the Peres proposal; nor was it totally unexpected that the Zionist Organization of America, which identifies with the Likud, made it clear that it opposes the idea of an international conference.

The step taken by the American Jewish Congress, however, goes beyond the knee-jerk reactions of support or rejection typical of most veteran Zionist organizations. This is because the Congress is a mainstream community body like B'nai B'rith or the American Jewish Committee which purports to represent a broad, nonpartisan spectrum of American Jews and which traditionally has not taken sides in critical political controversies in Israel.

A key question is whether the move by the Congress, which is not regarded as a particularly influential group among American Jews, will set off a ripple effect that will eventually prompt other more influential bodies into taking strong stands on life and death political issues in Israel.

Such a possibility exists now, if we may judge from the reaction of Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Reform), to the appeal made by Peres for American Jews to become more involved in the debate on the peace process.

Schindler said that he would urge his organization to pass a resolution supporting an international peace conference during its current national convention.

Such a step by an organization which represents a large, active, grassroots constituency that has traditionally taken stands on American social and political issues would portend greater changes in Israel-Diaspora relations than the decision by the American Jewish Congress.

During the past year, the Labor Party has been busy building a new base of support among American Jews that is grounded in the notion that Israel-Diaspora relations are a 2-way street. This represents a break from the traditional Zionist organizational mold.

In setting up the Friends of Labor Israel (FLI), the Labor Party had a dual aim: to mobilize American Jewish support for the Labor Party's positions on foreign and domestic issues, and to create a body that would speak for a liberal-minded segment of American Jewry within Labor forums in Israel.

Stanley Ringler, the Israel director of FLI, described the changes in American Jewry that brought about the need for a new type of Labor presence among American Jewry:

"The American Jewish leadership is increasingly knowledgeable and sophisticated about Israel, and less willing to respond to appeals for automatic support, as in the past."

Before making aliya several years ago, Ringler, a Reform rabbi, was the national director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation, and also served as a public analyst for B'nai B'rith.

He noted that it is especially harder for the younger generation of American Jews to support Israel "just because it is a Jewish state.

"This kind of approach doesn't speak to them," he said. "If they can't relate to Israel on a principled basis, then they just can't relate to it at all."

FLI signed up 21,000 members in the months preceding the recent elections to the Zionist Congress, which helped Labor avoid the heavy losses that afflicted other veteran Zionist organizations.

As Ringler explained it, FLI should be a vehicle for Labor to mobilize support among American Jews for issues which it regards as critical, such as the need for an international peace conference.

But FLI also provides a channel for American Jews to press their views and concerns on the Labor leadership in Israel, on issues such as religious pluralism and Who is a Jew.

This sensitivity to mutual concerns is illustrated, he said, by FLI's first study mission to Israel, which came in August. While party leaders here impressed upon the participants the importance of rallying support for an international conference, they were repeatedly told how crucial the issue of religious pluralism is to American Jewry.

Ringler said that the message got through in both directions, noting that "the mission participants were told by everyone that Labor will not compromise on the Who is a Jew issue."

Concern over the Who is a Jew issue and over the increase in religious extremism in Israel was a major factor in the strong showing in the elections of the Reform and Conservative Zionist organizations, which together now comprise the largest grouping in American Zionism, in terms of delegates to the Zionist Congress.

The growing strength of these bodies, Arza (Reform) and Mercaz (Conservative), is yet another expression of the desire of many American Jews to assert their own values and interests vis-a-vis the Israeli political system, especially where they see their own Jewish identity threatened.

The FLI membership was mobilized in July when it appeared to Labor that a coalition of the Likud and the Orthodox parties might succeed in amending the law, he said.

"A telephone bank was set up in the U.S. that called some 3,000 FLI members and asked them to send cables to the Knesset opposing the amendment. About 800 people sent cables, and others contributed money to an ad campaign in the Hebrew press against the amendment."

FLI has apparently succeeded in attracting people such as federation leaders, intellectuals and activists on the general political scene, who would never have joined one of the old-line Zionist organizations.

FLI is now asking its members to lend their names to newspaper ads in the U.S. in support of an international conference, and to make their views on this matter known wherever they have the chance. This might be within the Jewish community, where many FLI members have influential positions, or through political channels that lead to Washington.

Another development pointing to a possible change in Israel-Diaspora relations is the idea thrown out recently by top federation leaders of setting up an American Jewish political pressure group in Israel, tentatively called "IPAC," or Israel Political Action Committee.

American Jewish organizations opposed to changing the Law of Return have prevailed on the Council of Jewish Federations to take a leading role in this struggle. The CJF, which normally stays out of the political fray, seems to be a bit uncomfortable in this position.

Political action on this issue means raising your voice and making threats, which is not the federation style. Moreover, federation leaders are worried that they may find themselves in a position, as a result of this struggle, where they are forced to warn the Israeli leadership that contributions to Israel may be seriously hurt if the Knesset takes any step which is perceived as denying the legitimacy of non-Orthodox Jewry.

Some federation leaders have thus begun to think about creating a new vehicle for Diaspora political activism in Israel, IPAC, which would act as a Diaspora lobby vis-a-vis the Israeli political establishment. This would take the pressure off federations to assume an active political role and to use the funds raised for Israel as a weapon in political struggles between Israel and the Diaspora.

Radio station board defends pro-PLO show

By
GARY POGROW

VANCOUVER — The board of directors of Vancouver's Co-op Radio Station says a pro-PLO radio show it airs "is not racist."

The board, responding to a letter from Canadian Jewish Congress, Pacific Region, also stated an article in the station's monthly program guide describing the Voice of Palestine show is "in our opinion fair comment on a matter of public interest."

Congress had objected to statements in the September issue of Radio Waves, the station's program guide, that alleged the Zionist movement in North America "manipulates, threatens and blackmails the media, when necessary, in favor of Israel and history. It distorts Middle East history, promotes hatred and tries to block any recognition of Palestinian human or national rights" (CJN Oct. 1).

Pacific Region executive-director Erwin Nest disputed those allegations and in a letter to the radio station board stated "we believe that certain standards of civilized discourse should be upheld and in this instance these standards have been stretched, if not ignored."

Citing the station's policy of rejecting advocacy on air of racist or sexist material and of grossly offensive material, the Congress letter asked the board "if you would clarify for us what your views are concerning the Voice of Palestine material."

Following the radio station's reply, Nest told The CJN that Congress' board "is considering the possibility of sending an official complaint to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission."

The radio station board, in addition to backing the show, accused Congress of seeking "extraordinary prominent coverage in the mainstream media." A Sept. 29 broadcast of VOP claimed that "when Zionists speak, the establishment press listens and repeats."

However, Vancouver Province reporter Ruth Teichroeb, who authored the story on the controversy, said Congress did not seek publicity. The story originated in the paper's newsroom where an editor, scanning Radio Waves, suggested investigating the matter.

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High-profile Refuseniks' release not end of struggle

Soviet Jewry activist combatting complacency

By
WENDY ROSEN

TORONTO —

Diplomacy is Shmuel Azarkh's stock in trade.

The director of the Soviet Jewry Education and Information Centre packed his troubles in a kit bag and has been travelling throughout North America for the past two months talking to Western activists on the need to prevent complacency.

The recent release of a number of high-profile, long-term Refuseniks prompts his concern that the public might think that the Soviets are resolving the issue of Soviet Jewry.

"The Soviet Jewry movement is having a difficult time now. We spent so many years struggling for the fight, that we didn't educate the general public. Even if all the wellknown Refuseniks get out, the problem is not solved," he said.

"We used names as symbols of the struggle but the names became well known to people and when they're released, it means the general public thinks the struggle is over."

Azarkh speaks from experience. He is a former Refusenik who was an activist in his native Moscow for several years before being allowed to emigrate in 1981.

Together with Yuri Shtern, he formed the Jerusalem centre two years later. Its core members are former Refuseniks and activists.

Azarkh said the Soviet Jewry movement faced the same situation, the same dilemma, when Natan Scharansky was released. It had to decide then, as it does now, to create new symbols or focus on the promotion of a rescue movement.

"With his help, we explained to people that most Refuseniks are unknown and when we say 'Let My People Go' (an often repeated slogan of the movement), we're talking about everyone."

Azarkh said that he wants to believe that recently released Refuseniks such as Ida Nudel, Yuli Edelshtein and Viktor Brailovsky "will band together and create a united group to continue to fight on their friends behalf. Only they can explain ... they left behind a lot of names, a lot of lives."

In the interview which occurred before it was announced that there would be an East-West summit Dec. 7, he said that his organization would bring a number of these high-profile persons to Washington "to walk together with North American Jewry to show the world that the struggle is not over, that for all the dramatic changes in the Soviet Union with glasnost, it has not helped the Soviet Jewry problem."

Azarkh said that there are real changes inside the Soviet Union but not in terms of Jewish emigration.

"They still speak about regulations; they still make applying for a visa difficult; they still give refusals on secrecy basis to people who don't understand what secrets they possess; they still illegally and illogically demand that parents say they have no financial obligations on their children."

He compared glasnost to a light switch; at some point, someone can flick the button and everything will change — "it can be one, two or even five years down the road but the gates will be closed and Jews will disappear.

"That's the real danger ... there is no future in the Soviet Union for Soviet Jews. It's fine to speak of Jewish spirit, but it was killed in the Soviet Union years ago."

Azarkh said he accepts the movement's secondary concern of making Jewish culture readily available but only if one looks upon the Soviet Union as a camp for refugees or displaced persons.

"Teaching culture is part of the rescue process. There is no future for Jewish cultural life in the Soviet Union. They destroyed even the bund (a Jewish social, political and cultural organization in Eastern Europe) years ago."

He said anti-semitism is state-sponsored. Someone can have assimilated, may feel no connection to his Jewish ancestors but it will say Jew on his passport. The offspring of an intermarried couple — Hebrew University statistics indicate that almost half of Soviet Jews marry non-Jews — can choose whether to be listed as Russian or Jewish.

It is a myth that Jews will be assimilated into the Russian society, he said, adding that officials won't let it happen.

Shmuel Azarkh

"I came from an assimilated family, a family without tradition. By culture and education, I was Russian not Jewish. I was only Jewish on my passport."

Since its inception in 1983, Azarkh said the centre was on the outside of mainstream Soviet Jewry movement. However, in the past year, it has become affiliated with both the World Council on Soviet Jewry and the Union of Councils, both based in the United States.

"All the years, there were two movements — the Soviet Jewry movement and the movement for Soviet Jews. We fought for years to be part of the establishment."

The new eminence of the centre, which bills itself as the missing link between Soviet Jewry groups and Soviet Jews, as a force with which to be reckoned is even recognized by the Knesset. Azarkh has recently been appointed an advisor to the aliya and absorption committee of the Knesset and the religion minister has named Joseph Mandelevitch, chairman of the centre, an advisor.

"People can like us or hate but we're a reality now ... a strong political force. Other groups had no choice but to accept us because we have good contacts with, and good support from, our families and friends in the Soviet Union — the real representatives of this movement."

He said high emigration is a new problem for the centre and Israel, and something which will have to be dealt with in short order. Newcomers need two things, a home and a job, he said.

However, with absorption centres filled 90% with people who will never be able to afford their own home, there is no place for the newcomers to go. He said about 50% of the newcomers from the Soviet Union will never be able to buy their own apartment.

"Israel desperately needs public housing — either government or organization sponsored projects."

Azarkh pointed out that the real estate market has soared to the point where rents are exorbitant; for the most part, people are unable to save for their own place.

As for jobs, the centre formulated a plan last spring for a 3-month retraining program. Funds from the Joint Distribution Committee of UJA and ORT made the project a reality this fall for about 100 emigrants.

Funding constraints forced the centre to scrub its plan to create an employment office to aid emigrants, Azarkh said, adding "negotiations with UJA" may raise the needed funds.

"We'd like to be involved in everything (to ease a Soviet emigrant's adjustment to Israeli society) — we have no choice. Our strength and our weakness is that we have few people and there is so much to do.

"We cannot refuse ... when people come to Israel, I want them to stay so we help them. I feel we're the Soviet Jewry government in exile."

State secrets theme of dual symposium

TORONTO —

Refuseniks in Moscow are planning a symposium focusing on how the Soviets use alleged knowledge of state secrets as a method of limiting emigration.

On that date (which has yet to be set), four local Soviet Jewry committees — Beth Tzedec Synagogue's Soviet Jewry Committee, Canadian Lawyers and Jurists for Soviet Jewry, B'nai B'rith Canada's Soviet Jewry Committee and the Committee for Soviet Jewry of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region — are joining forces to sponsor a parallel symposium to compare and contrast how the problem of secrecy would be dealt with in a free society.

Genya Intrator, Beth Tzedec's program coordinator, said that the 32 Refuseniks who are organizing the program say that the main aim is to discuss the judicial and humanitarian aspects of refusal on the lives of a large group of Soviet citizens.

Bert Raphael, chairman of the lawyers' group, said that the Canadian symposium will "tap into Canadian legal authorities to see if, and to what extent, state secrets are used in Canada."

Raphael said that the event is still in the organizational stages but that the current plans call for him to moderate a panel of at least four members.

The Soviet organizers quote the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights which states that any restriction on the right of emigration based on security grounds must be both provided by law and neccesary to protect national security.

"Organizers say that the manner in which the Soviet authorities have issued refusals based on security considerations violates international law because there is no domestic Soviet legislation which specifies which occupations are classified or which establishes a time frame whereby the information would no longer be valid," Intrator said.

In a letter announcing their plans, organizers write: "The maximum period of 10 years to be refused to which (Soviet leader Mikhail) Gorbachev referred is regularly exceeded by Soviet authorities ....

"The Refuseniks unjustly denied exit permits on grounds of security comprise the most veteran activists who have already been forced to live in hardship for many years as outcasts from Soviet society.

—W.R.

Herzog to visit Reagan

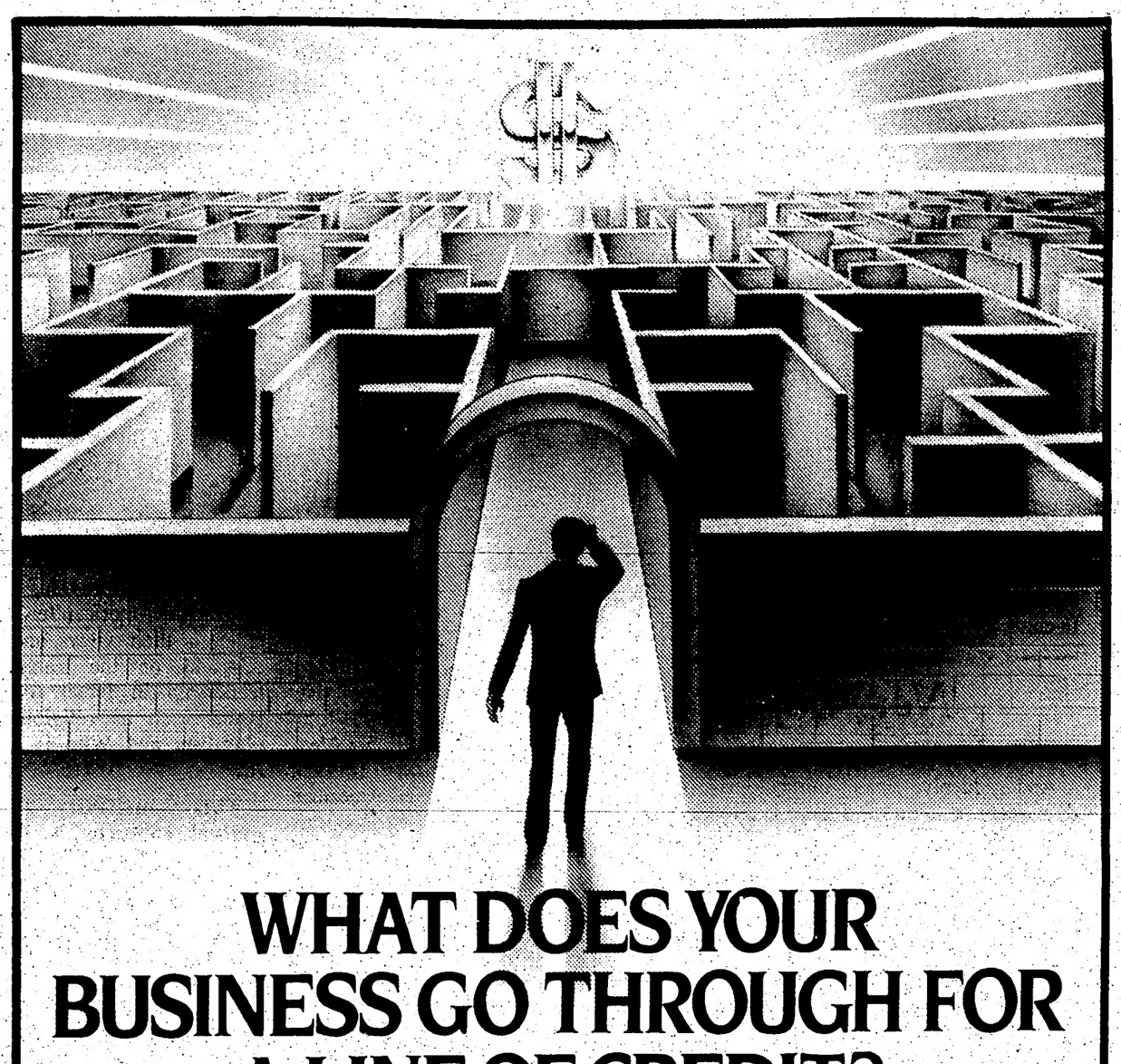
By
JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON —

Israeli President Chaim Herzog and his wife Ora will be guests of U.S. President Ronald Reagan at a 3-day state visit Nov. 10-12 that will mark the approach of the celebrations of the Jewish state's 40th year.

It will be the first state visit by an Israeli President since the country's rebirth in 1948, the Israeli Embassy noted. Former President Yitzhak Navon was a White House guest but his visit was classified "official."

The major difference in protocol is that Herzog will be welcomed with a 21-gun salute and a ceremonial military drill on the White House lawn and a formal dinner at the White House.



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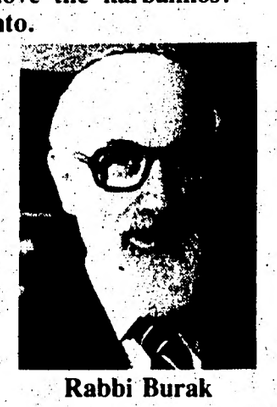
By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: I see we now have a revised edition of the Birnbaum siddur. Why did he not remove that blessing in which a man thanks the Almighty for not having made him a woman? Why did he not remove the karbannos? — Daniel Bohnen, Toronto.



Rabbi Burak

Philip Birnbaum is a learned man in a number of disciplines, as we see by his book, The Arabic Commentary of Yefet Ben Ali on Hosea (1942). A scholar spends his time correcting his **own** mistakes. Were he to tamper with the time-hallowed text of the siddur, he would be guilty of a grave error. That's why he wouldn't even modify those passages you would prefer to expunge.

Despite the fact that we now have all sorts of prayer books, it should be clearly understood that there is only one siddur. The errors occur in our prayer books, and not in the siddur. The new prayer books reflect the confusions of modern man. "Forgive us Father, **if** we have sinned." What do they think in Heaven of a character who has committed every conceivable sin, yet wonders **if** he has sinned?

The siddur is not in error when it asks man to say a benediction thanking the Almighty for not making him a woman. In the simplest terms, who has the harder lot in life, the man or the woman? Don't women feel that they have the harder load to carry?

When you walk into a kitchen, you often find a sign with this message: "Man works from dawn to dusk. But a woman's work is never done." Isn't that a lament for the load that a woman carries through life? When a baby cries in the middle of the night, who rises to nurse the child? The man?

Well now, if a woman feels that her work is never done, and that her husband has an easier time, is it wrong for her husband to thank Hashem for not having made him a woman? Some people have worked hard to convince Jewish women that this benediction is an insult. Where is the insult?

The Sages of the Talmud have given women some of the most delicate compliments. In Tractate Niddah, 45B, the Talmud says: "The Lord has given woman greater intelligence and maturity of judgment than man." The Hebrew word they discussed is "beenah," and woman has an extra measure of this intelligence.

In modern terms, the Sages tell me that the woman is another Einstein. Does anyone in his right mind say a blessing for not having made him an Einstein? How can our scholars feel that woman has the better brain, and at the same time feel she is an inferior being? We know what the Talmud said. The part about her being inferior is the work of those who know no Talmud.

Propagandists have dreamed this up. These are the specialists with words who can tell you how they have saved women from the degradation of separate seating by placing them alongside the males in the same pews, or should I say, theatre seats.

In this, they are like those wordsmiths who sang the soothing lullaby, "you've come a long way baby," in order to teach them to smoke the same long weeds as did the men. Yes, they had indeed reached the heights; now they could have the same foul breath as their men friends, the same coughs, and the same troubles.

This benediction, she-lo 'a-sa-ni isha, has special meaning in these troubled times. Men are to be men, women are to be women, and are to like it that way. Just as a man has a divine commandment to put on tefillen, he has a duty to marry, to have children, and to build the world.

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Jewish display at Ukrainian Museum

Exhibit helps in easing tensions

By
PAUL LUNGEN

SASKATOON — People in this prairie centre recently had the opportunity to learn about Jewish life and history thanks to an exhibition on display at the city's Ukrainian Museum of Canada.

Jewish life on the prairies dating back to the 1880s, the Holocaust and Israel were the three main focal points of the exhibit, which ran for six weeks this summer.

"I think the whole exhibit was very well received," said Gladys Rose, chairwoman of the Saskatchewan Region of Canadian Jewish Congress. "The comments in the guest book were only positive."

Though the exhibit was housed in the Ukrainian Museum, Rose said organizers did not intend to display it as a means of lowering Jewish-Ukrainian tensions.

She said planning for the exhibit goes back before the Deschenes Commission released its report on Nazi war criminals and is attributable to museum policy to devote one room for a number of non-Ukrainian groups in the community. This time, it happened to be the Jewish community's turn, she said.

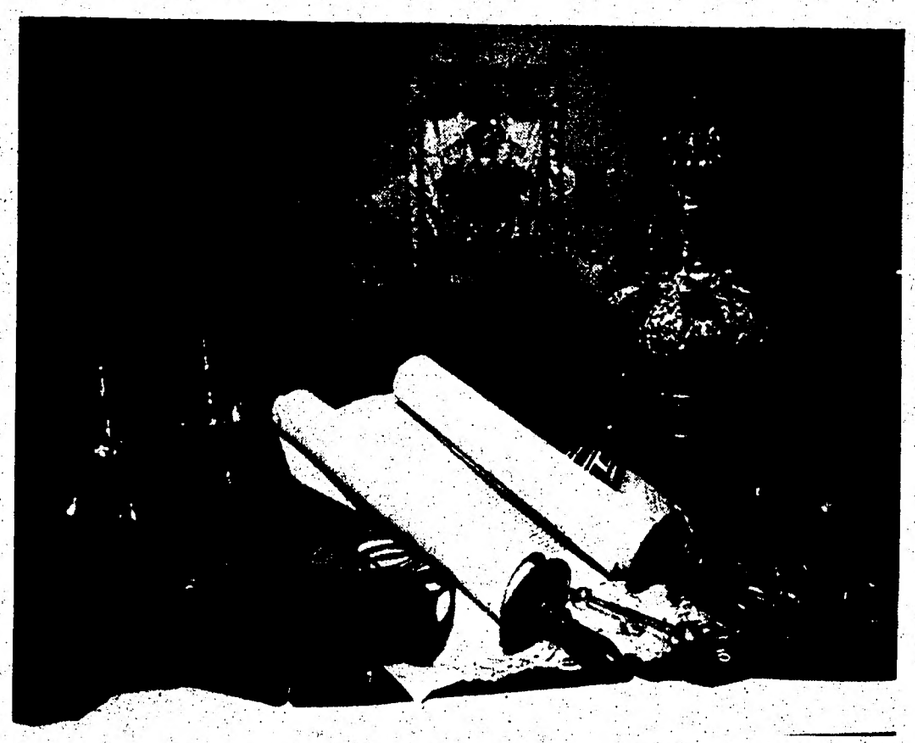
"The timing of it, although coincidental, was very good," Rose added. "There have been tensions between the communities, and this did nothing but good."

Rose added she thought most of the tensions were between "older people, mostly."

The exhibit was co-sponsored by Congress, the Jewish Historical Society of Winnipeg and the Museum.

In addition to displaying articles from Jewish life such as a Torah, tallit, a pointer and a kippa, the display traced the history of Jewish life in Saskatchewan. The first Jewish settlers arrived in 1882 along with Ukrainian pioneers.

Pictorial representations of the early farm colonies, such as Edenbridge, Wapella and Hirsch, were "a revelation" to many of the museum visitors who didn't know there were Jewish farmers in Canada. They played a parallel role to Ukrainian farmers in developing the country, Rose said.



A torah, Crown, pointer — part of the religious artifacts displayed at the Ukrainian Museum of Canada as part of an exhibit by the Jewish community of Saskatoon.

A mock pioneer house was constructed with a braided rug, a book case containing periodicals in English, Yiddish, Hebrew and Russian, a music stand and an old violin.

The display on the Holocaust was done "in a very restrained way." While a yellow Star of David worn during the Holocaust by a Saskatchewan Jew was displayed, the focus was on the hundreds of young Jewish men who volunteered for the Canadian armed forces at a time when millions of other Jews were being slaughtered.

"That had a lot of impact since some of the visitors knew the men."

The display on Israel focused on the upcoming 40th anniversary and the tangible links of Canadian Jews to the country.

Overall, the display reinforced respect for the Jewish community in Saskatchewan, Rose said. Although there are only about 250 Jewish families in Saskatoon and 500 altogether in the province, "the Jewish community is looked on in a positive way," she said.

JDLers jailed in bombings

NEW YORK (JTA) — Three members of the Jewish Defence League have been sentenced for carrying out a series of "terrorist" bombings aimed at protesting the treatment of Jews in the Soviet Union.

Victor Vancier, 30, of Queens, a former chairman of the Jewish Defence League, was sentenced to 10 years in prison by Judge I. Leo Glasser of the federal district court in Brooklyn.

In imposing the sentence, the judge told Vancier, "You don't go bombing innocent people to make a point."

At a separate session, Murray Young, 60, of East Meadow, NY, received a 5-year term, and Sharon Katz, 44, of Manhattan, was given a 3-year suspended sentence and 5 years' probation, which includes six months of house arrest.

The incidents for which they were convicted included the firebombing at Avery Fisher Hall, Lincoln Center on Oct. 20, 1986, the day the Moscow State Symphony was scheduled to perform, and the tear gas grenade attack at the Metropolitan Opera House in September, 1986, which injured 20 people among the audience attending a performance of the Moiseyev Dance Company.

Vancier, Young and another JDL member, Jay Cohen, 24, pleaded guilty last August to racketeering charges involving bombings, arson, extortion and fraud, for which they faced maximum sentences of 20 years. Katz pleaded guilty only to the Metropolitan Opera incident.

Cohen was found dead of a drug overdose at a Catskills hotel last month.

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DIARY ...of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

La America, North America's first Sephardic newspaper, began publication Nov. 11, 1910. Its shaky career epitomized the trials of an immigrant group adapting to its new environment.

The 2 million Jewish immigrants between 1881 and World War I included some 40,000 Sephardim. They were a minority within a minority. Their language was Ladino. The customs they brought from the former Ottoman empire were distinct from those of their Ashkenazi brethren.

Unlike the latter, with their "disproportionately high number of skilled workers and intellectuals" and entrepreneurs, writes social historian Joseph Papo, the Sephardic first generation largely accepted "menial jobs like candy vendors, boot blacks, battery makers, and cigar rollers." Children were encouraged to work as early as possible. Elders preferred to spend their evenings in cafes over chess and dice games, rather than learning English at night school.

New York's established Sephardi elite, the "grandees" who came over in the 18th and early 19th centuries, dismissed them with the term "Oriental" Jews. Harried Ashkenazim barely stopped to distinguish them from Italian and Hispanic immigrants. Their indifference to self-organization, in part due to "the fragmented nature of Ottoman Jewry," according to Papo, prevented the formation of a firm communal identity with which to address these and other problems. Fragmentation, he stressed in his newly published study *Sephardim in the Twentieth Century*, was their prime barrier to acclimatization.

Among the first to recognize this was Moise Gadol, a brilliant student from Bulgaria who came to New York in 1910 to visit his married sister. A Ladino communal journal, he decided, could best introduce the immigrants to each other, to their fellow Jews, and to their new society at large. He put his total capital of $800 into founding the Oriental Printing and Publishing Co. His weekly La America carried the motto: Kol Yisrael Aravim Ze baZe (the people of Israel are all responsible for each other). It was printed in the square Hebrew characters understood by all the immigrants, and included English and Yiddish glossaries.

Gadol's hope of soon printing twice or three times a week was dashed by poor response. Only 70 subscriptions were sold; advertising was virtually nil.

In the first six months, he managed to put out only six issues, and those at a personal financial loss. The Greek and Arabic-speaking members of the fledgling Federation of Oriental Jews vetoed any support of a Judeo-Spanish paper. The grandees' Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue kept aloof. The Kehilla of New York agreed to an annual allocation, but never implemented it.

Encouraged by the Yiddish press's publication of his articles on the Sephardim, Gadol proposed adding four Yiddish pages to La America's four Ladino ones. The Federation of Romanian Jews agreed to support such a publication, but Gadol's fellow Sephardim rejected it outright. The prototype bilingual issue of April 1913 had to be scrapped. Gadol berated his fellow immigrants in verse and editorials.

Gadol persevered. He raised funding through increased advertising and subscription efforts, sporadic support from landsmanshaften (East European societies), and through the sale of prayer and history books. (At the same time, he managed to organize New York's Sephardic Zionist Society, in July, 1914.) He added a humor page, and in 1917 put on staff Abraham Cohen, a leading journalist from Salonica.

La America printed sketches in English, complete with vocabulary lists. It informed readers of support offered by the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society. Its stories urged citizenship and detailed the procedures involved; described schooling for children, and access to libraries, museums and parks; explored practical matters like local hospitals, public transit, and taxes; and urged political involvement.

As the U.S. entered World War I, Gadol was instrumental in obtaining exemption from military duty for Ottoman Sephardim, who feared having to fight their own brothers and fathers among Turkey's troops.

It gained its publisher debts, not wealth. A number of other Sephardic papers sprung up, further straining available resources. Gadol was forced to dissolve La America in 1925, but his minority's integration was at least under way.

Orlov sees problems for superpower

Soviet prestige seen to be at stake

By WENDY ROSEN

TORONTO —

Economic stagnation and increasing lack of high technology is jeopardizing the Soviet Union's status as a superpower, a former dissident said here.

Dr. Yuri Orlov said that the prestige and economic viability of the Soviet Union is at stake — so much so that that "even (Soviet leader Mikhail) Gorbachev will change ... because the situation is dangerous for the dream of leadership."

Orlov was one of several speakers addressing the issue of how to stop torture and oppression at a public forum sponsored by the Canadian Committee of Scientists and Scholars and Ryerson Polytechnical Institute at Ryerson Theatre. The former Soviet dissident's 2-week visit to Canada is sponsored by the scientists' group which last year mounted a successful campaign for his release from the USSR.

Orlov, a political prisoner who founded Amnesty International (Moscow) and co-founded the Helsinki Watch Group, said there is a direct link between human rights and peace in the world.

The internationally renowned high energy and nuclear physicist said that the proposed arms pact came about because the Soviet government "tried to improve the internal situation and now understands, after negative publicity, the need for democratization. They wanted something (and knew) they have to improve their relations in the West to get high technology."

Orlov said countries — even former enemies such as the United States and Japan — are so dependent on economic connections that their prosperity depends on each other. Each country is also important to their mutual superiority.

"The Soviet Union is excluded from that so it's difficult to have real economic connections between East and West ... and because of human rights inside the Soviet Union, the West didn't want links with it. Because of democratization, maybe that's changed," he said.

"Many people understand now that a free market is needed for improvement in economy. I hope in the future the Soviet Union will be included in world economic connections."

Orlov, who teaches at Cornell Laboratory of Nuclear Studies in the U.S., said that there is also a direct link between human rights and security, a key element of which is open borders between countries. This will also serve to improve mutual security.

One reason why the Soviet Union keeps the border closed, Orlov said is to allow the government to spread disinformation, that is that life is better — more food, better shelter — in the USSR.

"These people need contact with real people not the elite from the West."

Orlov called the policy of detaining people when they want to live elsewhere stupid. Why not permit families to be together, he asked.

"It's a feudal mentality. Instead of great problems of real security, real trust we must concentrate on this because people suffer."

Forum moderator was author Pierre Berton. Other speakers were: author Robertson Davies; Nobel Laureate John Polanyi; Gordon Wilson, president of the Ontario Federation of Labor; pianist Anton Kuerti; Archbishop Edward Scott; and Israel Haperin, director of International Campaign-Chile.

Honor for Lanzmann

MONTREAL —

Frenchman Claude Lanzmann, who directed the epic film on the Holocaust, Shoah, will be honored by Canadian Hadassah-WIZO at its biennial convention.

Lanzmann will be presented with the Rebecca Sieff Award, the organization's highest accolade, at the official opening of the convention Nov. 12 at the Sheraton Centre.

Born in Paris in 1925, Lanzmann was a member of the Resistance during World War II. He became a journalist, frequently writing about Israel. His first film, Pourquoi Israel?, was hailed as "the best film ever made on this country."

Lanzmann, who was a longtime friend of philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre and writer Simone de Beauvoir, has been called "an expert on humanity" rather than a "Nazi hunter" in reference his dedication to the making of the 9½-hour Shoah.

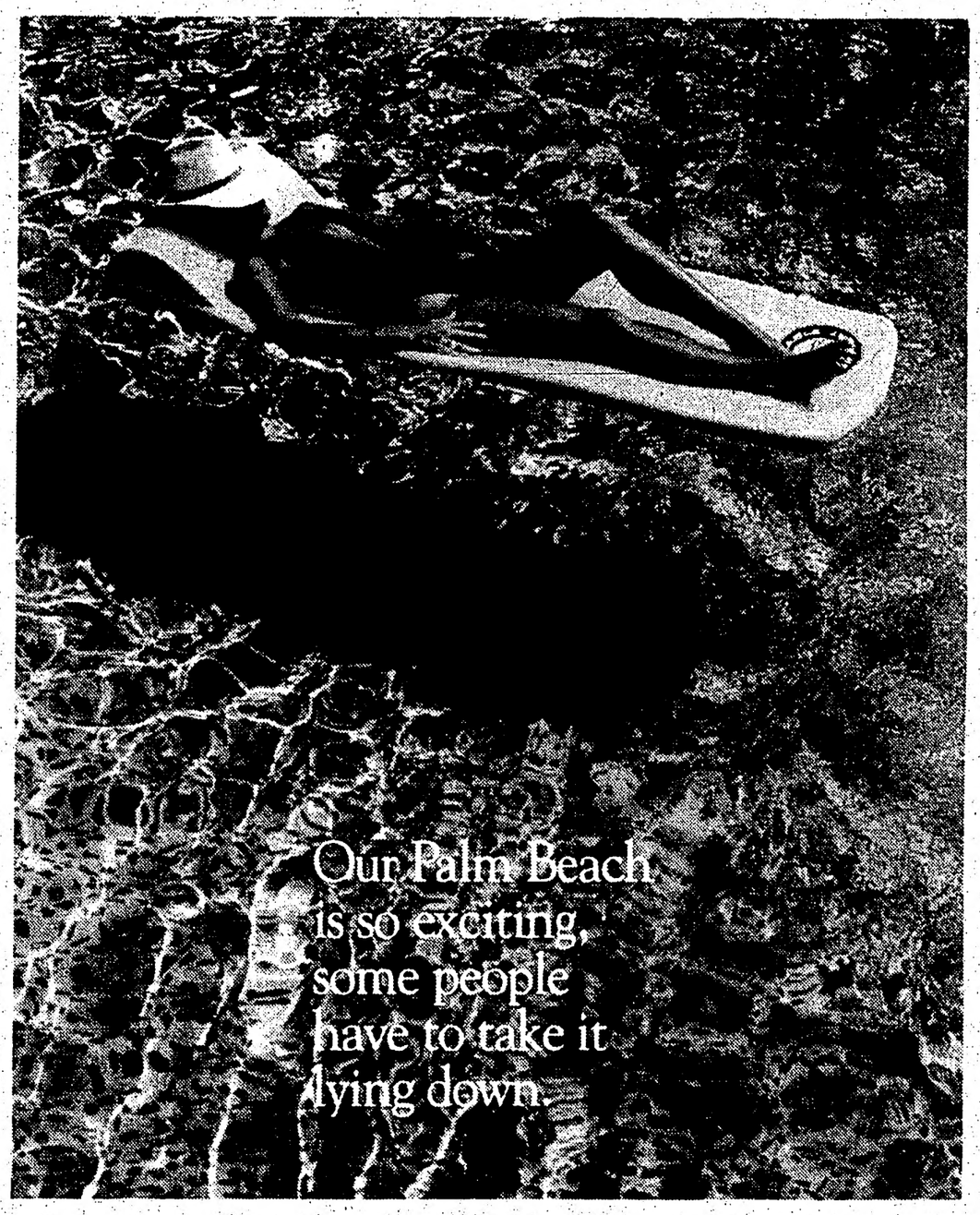
Bears off to Israel

GENEVA (JTA) —

Two offspring of a Syrian with the familiar name Assad left here for Israel last week after departure ceremonies attended by the Israel ambassador to Switzerland, David Rivlin, and members of the Bern Jewish community.

The "olim," named Dubi and Berna, have homes waiting for them in Jerusalem, at the Biblical Zoo. They are young bears, presented to President Chaim Herzog of Israel when he visited Bern last April. At the time, they were newborns, too young to travel.

The father bear was born in Syria, which probably accounts for his name, which he shares with Syrian president Hafez Assad. For some reason that fact embarrassed the president of the Bern Jewish community, who managed to keep it out of the press until now.



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"Who is a Jew?" issue complex and little understood

Diaspora Jews have the obligation to speak out . . .

Who is a Jew? Toronto community leader DONALD CARR delves into this controversial topic which is causing a great deal of friction between certain Jews of Israel and the Diaspora and endeavors to explain the situation.

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The current headline-grabbing and turmoil-creating issue of "Who is a Jew?" is complex and little understood. It is often distorted — wittingly or unwittingly.

The question operates on three levels. In a sense, each is distinct, yet each interacts with the others to cause distress and confusion.

The Law of Return of the State of Israel basically provides that any Jew is entitled, as of right, to immigrate to Israel, to become a citizen, and to be registered under the Population Registry Law.

The law defines a Jew as "one who is born to a Jewish mother, or one who has converted to Judaism." It does not define what is meant by "converted," nor does it specify in any way the manner of conversion. When the law was originally passed, the Knesset voted down a proposal to add the words "in accordance with halacha" at the end of the phrase in question.

As a matter of administrative practice, the state accepts a certificate from a recognized rabbi of any "stream" of Judaism, from the applicant's community, as significant evidence of conversion, for the purpose of the rights granted under the Law of Return — but for no other purposes. Based on that, immigration is allowed, citizenship is conferred and an identity card, bearing the description "Jew" is issued.

It should be clearly understood, though, that no rabbi in Israel will accept an identity card's description of the holder as a Jew as any evidence of that person's Jewishness. Thus, appropriate proof has to be tendered of Jewish identity — with proof of proper halachic conversion for one who was not born Jewish — before any recognized rabbi in Israel will perform a wedding ceremony, allow burial, etc.

Thus, a status quo has existed for many years, with little objection being voiced in Israel or outside to the difference between the requirements under the Law of Return and the requirements of the rabbinate for religious purposes.

A status quo has existed for many years

From time to time attempts have been made in the Knesset to amend the phrase and, either to define the expression "one who has converted," or, in some other manner provide for conversions to be approved by the Rabbinical Court or the Chief Rabbinate. To date, all attempts have failed and have been voted down or withdrawn by their proponents.

Recognizing that the agitation for amendment would not disappear, in January 1987 Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir established an inter-ministerial commission to examine the whole question from every possible standpoint and mandated that commission to come forward with a proposed solution within six months. Needless to say, although the commission has worked extremely hard, the six months have passed and no recommendations are ready to be put forward.

The commission has heard from representatives of virtually every point of view. It has consulted scholars of every stripe. It is continuing to deliberate.

Several concrete proposals are presently being discussed and it is hoped that a solution, acceptable to all, will be able to be tabled before long. In Shamir's own words: "It is hoped that a mutually acceptable solution will be found for the problem, and that no solution will have to be imposed."

In the meantime, the Shas Party (Sephardi "Torah Guardians") and the National Religious Party (NRP), which were not prepared to wait, and likely have no confidence in any "compromise," wanted to press on.

Said by some to have been encouraged by the urgings of Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, the revered leader of the Lubavitch Movement in New York, their latest attempts to change the law, and the ones which have gained the most attention, occurred this past July.

Members of the Lubavitcher movement gather for address by their leader Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, who speaks to them from his base in Brooklyn, NY. [RNS photo]

The interior minister, Rabbi Yitzchak Peretz, a leader of Shas, which holds four seats in the Knesset, had resigned his portfolio earlier in the year in protest of a Supreme Court of Israel decision. That decision invalidated an administrative procedure ordered by Peretz in his department, which required the word "convert" to be stamped on the identity card of a former American woman, who had been converted to Judaism in accordance with the rites of the Reform Movement.

With the loss of the support of Peretz and his party, the shaky coalition headed by Prime Minister Shamir was in peril of facing collapse, either by a no-confidence motion which could have been brought by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres' Labor Party, or by some other means. Any such step would have resulted in dissolution of the Knesset and new elections. Shamir would not have served out his full term as Prime Minister under the agreement with Peres and the election, slated for November 1988, would have been advanced by more than a year-and-a-half.

Shamir's Likud Party was able to woo Shas back into the fold and maintain the coalition. Part of the agreement made was that Likud would support any attempt by Shas to have the Law of Return amended, either to define what "converted" means, or to have conversions referred to a religious body to approve their validity. On this basis, Peretz re-entered the coalition as minister without portfolio, with the understanding that he would resume his minister of the interior position once the Law of Return had been satisfactorily amended. Then, he would not have to issue identity cards to persons who had been converted to Judaism not strictly in accordance with the halacha, as understood by the religious authorities in Israel.

Shas proposed its amendment in early July. It was defeated by a vote of 60-56. Some Likud Party members broke rank and voted with the Labor Party and other left-of-centre groups against the measure. A few days later, in a slightly different form, the NRP tabled another amendment in the Knesset. This, too, went down to a 62-53 defeat, with similar alignments in voting.

A third, slightly different, attempt, but having the same desired effect, was proffered by Shas in mid-July, with only about three weeks of the Knesset sitting left.

After some two weeks of heavy politicking and behind-the-scenes negotiations, it became clear that the members of the National Religious Party would not support this new amendment and that it, too, would go down to defeat. Shas withdrew it on the day it was to be debated and voted on. The coalition was saved, until at least the Knesset reconvened in the fall.

During July, both before and after the two votes, several North American communal figures, on behalf of the organizations which they represented, expressed themselves strongly on this issue. While their approaches were somewhat different, the message amounted to the same thing. Any amendment to the Law of Return which would have the effect, directly or indirectly, of not recognizing conversions performed in the streams of Judaism other than Orthodoxy would create havoc in North America, would alienate the largest segment of Jewry from Israel and would detract from the centrality of Israel in the lives of Jews in the Diaspora.

One of these approaches was by a small delegation, from the Council of Jewish Federations (representing 200 Jewish community federations in the U.S. and Canada), from United Jewish Appeal and United Israel Appeal in the U.S. and United Israel Appeal of Canada, which paid a 3-day visit to Israel just before the last attempt of Shas to get the law amended. They met some 11 members of the Knesset, including Shamir, Peres and several ministers, and held a press conference to explain the point of view of the organizations they represented. They were careful to avoid what some who had gone before them had done, namely, threaten or even predict what might happen to campaign funds, if the amendments were to pass.

That delegation was warmly received. Every member of the Knesset with whom they met acknowledged the validity of the involvement of world Jewry in the issue and did not take the position that the question of the amendment of the Law of Return was the concern only of Israelis.

Shamir's reaction was to repeat his comment that he hoped his commission would find a solution acceptable to all and that no solution would be imposed. Peres stated that the Labor Party would never have allowed itself to enter into any agreement of the nature of the Likud-Shas accord. Perhaps the most productive response came from the leader of the much depleted Mapam faction in the Knesset; he maintained that the Law of Return should always have been regarded as a basic law of Israel and that to amend it should require a 2/3 vote in the Knesset, rather than a mere majority. His private member's bill to this effect had not been supported by either of the major parties and had gone nowhere.

Upon their return to North America, the delegation reported to the coalition of organizations, which they had represented. Those organizations determined to continue to express their concern at any future attempt to amend the Law of Return, decided to try and widen the coalition, by inviting other representative North American groups to ally themselves in the process and undertook a program of "reverse hasbara" to educate the Israeli public and legislators on the effect of such an amendment.

It had been recognized that the Israeli man and woman in the street were not really aware of the issue, its significance to Diaspora Jewry, or the contemplated effect on the relationship between them and the Jews of the Diaspora if a change were to take place. After all, they live in a state where there is little Jewish "pluralism." Neither the Reform nor Conservative movements have made much headway there. Since the inception of the state all Jewish religious matters have been in the hands of the Orthodox Rabbinical Courts or the Chief Rabbinate. It would matter very little inside Israel if Reform or Conservative forms of conversion were not to be recognized in the Law of Return, and the Israelis have more pressing matters on their minds.

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So much for the current political state of affairs. Clearly the topic will not go away. In one form or another it is bound to find its way back on some order paper in the Knesset. Likely it will be one of the planks in many of the party platforms during the next election campaign, no later than the summer or fall of 1988.

The question of Who Is A Jew?, however, is not merely a political pawn in the in-fighting of Israel Knesset parties. It is both a religious matter, as well as one impinging directly on the relationship of the State of Israel, as a state, to the Jews in the Diaspora.

From the purely religious standpoint, conversion within Israel has never been recognized unless it is undertaken strictly in accordance with the halacha recognized by the Rabbinical Courts and the Chief Rabbinate.

This entails acceptance of the principles, teachings and practice of the Jewish faith, circumcision for a male convert and ritual immersion (mikveh) for both male and female converts — all undertaken under the guidance and supervision of a qualified ecclesiastical court (Beth Din) comprising qualified judges (dayanim).

So, too, in the Diaspora, Orthodoxy does not recognize any conversion that does not conform to those same halachic principles, and that is not effected by an appropriate Beth Din.

For the Conservative movement the general attitude — and certainly in Canada — is that conversion must be carried out in accordance with the Halacha. However, Conservative rabbis are not, of course, recognized as rabbis by the Orthodox, and their affirmation as to the ritual of a conversion and its completion in accordance with the halacha is unacceptable to the Orthodox rabbinate . . . whether here or in Israel.

Reform conversion has widely differing standards, depending upon the locale. In some communities, conversion is indeed conducted by an Orthodox rabbi, in accordance with the halacha. This is done precisely to avoid subsequent problems for those who are converted. In other communities there is no attempt to satisfy the halacha, and varying requirements hold sway. These latter rites are not accepted by the Orthodox, nor by the Conservatives.

Some fear non-Orthodox official foothold

A considerable body of Orthodox opinion — not shared by any means by all — holds that "conversion" for **any** purpose — Law of Return or purely religious purposes — can only be recognized if it complies in every respect with the halacha. That opinion asserts that, although the Law of Return was enacted by a secular body — the Knesset — and although it only confers civil — not religious — status, it is an absurdity to try to distinguish between state and religion with respect to Israel.

A "Jew" for any purposes, the argument goes, must have that religious component which requires adherence to the halacha. The Law of Return is not purely a secular-civil statute. It is an expression of Zionism; it grants automatic rights to Jews. You cannot have a person regarded as a Jew for one purpose, and not for another.

The rights granted to a Jew to immigrate and to be a citizen of the Jewish state cannot be extended to those who may have gone through a form of conversion which adheres to whatever standard a particular group may establish from time to time. The only acceptable standard, they say, is that immutable standard of the halacha. To depart from that could lead to the acceptance of those special Jewish citizenship rights for those (to carry things to a possible absurdity) over whom somebody may some day pass a wand and declare, "You're Jewish," or for those even who make a self-declaration of Jewishness.

It is that opinion which leads to the support of the demand for the amendment to the Law of Return, either to define conversion as being in accordance with the halacha, or to have all conversions validated by the religious (Orthodox) authorities in Israel before they are accepted for the purposes of that law. Part of the reaction of some is the fear that the Reform or Conservative movement may gain an official foothold in Israel, and anything which will tend to avoid that should be supported.

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Those who object to the amendment of the Law of Return in any way which would require Orthodox religious approval of conversions fall into at least three camps.

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The first is, very naturally, those proponents of the recognition of Reform and Conservative rites in general within Israel. They demand that Israel accept the same Jewish religious streams which exist in the Diaspora. They want the state to recognize Reform and Conservative rabbis and to give their institutions there the same financial support as is given to Orthodoxy. Any move, therefore, which could be interpreted as yet another impediment to this is naturally resisted. The amendment to the Law of Return is seen by them as a further confirmation and validation of the one religious stream in Israel.

The second group are those adherents to Orthodoxy — including many rabbis and scholars, both inside and out of Israel — who have always looked upon the Law of Return's provision as being irrelevant to the religious issues with which they are concerned. They are satisfied that religious status — as distinct from civil status — is enshrined in the laws of Israel as being within the hands of the Rabbinical Courts and rabbinical authorities. Consequently, there can be no infringement religiously on Jewish concepts by the operation of the Law of Return. Judaism, as they see it, is therefore completely protected and there is no need to change the Law of Return.

The third set of opponents to changes in the law falls into a different category.

They support neither the Reform, Conservative nor Orthodox positions outlined above. Their concern is the concept of "Klal Yisrael" — the unity of the Jewish People.

They see the Law of Return as a seminal document of the State of Israel. In its original refusal to define conversion as being acceptable for the purpose of immigration and citizenship only if it conforms with the halacha, there was — and still remains — a recognition, by the state, of the pluralistic religious circumstance of the Jewish People in the Diaspora. That pluralism is a reality.

Israel's religious authorities may not accept that pluralism — they never have. Yet, there is a tremendous difference between their rejection and the state's rejection, which would be implicit if the Law of Return were amended.

While Reform and Conservative adherents do not like the religious situation, nevertheless it is one which does not interfere with their connection with the state itself. A change in the Law of Return, on the other hand, would create the perception of a disconnection between the state and the vast majority of Jews in the Diaspora, and particularly in North America.

The need to preserve this sense of unity, to prevent the rending asunder of the Israel connection, is regarded by these opponents of any change to the Law of Return as of the highest priority — far exceeding all other considerations. Among this grouping are numbered not just Reform or Conservative Jews, but also Orthodox adherents.

Clearly, the Orthodox and many of the Conservative adherents will not accept conversion for religious purposes unless it is in accordance with the halacha. However, they see the religious aspect protected by the refusal of the religious authorities in Israel to accept Law of Return status as proof, or even evidence, of Jewishness.

They see the possible rejection by the state of the Diaspora religious reality as a serious threat to the integrity of the Jewish People. They see no threat to themselves, their beliefs, or the Jewish People deriving from the diversity of religious streams. For them, the status quo, which has existed for years, is inviolate if one is concerned about the paramountcy of unity.

In response to the position voiced by some that an Israel identity card has, in some rare instances, been accepted in the Diaspora as proof of Jewishness, they say that whatever few individual confusions might have resulted over the years from the acceptance of Reform or Conservative conversion for the purposes of immigration and citizenship are minuscule and are irrelevant when measured against the spectre of the potential upheaval that proposed changes in the Law of Return would create.

The delegation led by the Council of Jewish Federations subsequently supported by decisions of the national executive of Canadian Jewish Congress, the executive of United Israel Appeal of Canada and the executive committee of Toronto Jewish Congress — falls within this latter group. Among its members was a committed follower of the Lubavitch Movement and another Orthodox Jew. Its statement, presented to Shamir, Peres, the members of the Knesset and the Israeli public, reads in full:

We are a delegation authorized by and representing the largest portion of North American Jewry in organized Jewish community life. We include the Council of Jewish Federations — with 200 federations in North America from Vancouver to Maine and from Winnipeg to Florida and San Diego, California. We include the leaders of the United Jewish Appeal, the United Israel Appeal of Canada, and we are authorized to speak on behalf of the United Israel Appeal of the United States and the office of the chairman of the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency.

We wish to dispel any misconception as to the purpose of the visit of this delegation and the organizations it represents.

We are not here to impinge upon the sovereignty of the State of Israel, nor to interfere in its internal political processes; nor are we here to favor any political party within the State of Israel. We do not represent any religious movement in North American Jewry, although adherents of all branches of North American Jewry are represented within our organizations.

We are here solely on the basis of the concept of "Klal Yisrael" — the peoplehood of Jews worldwide, including the Jews of Israel. We are committed to the centrality of Israel for the Jewish people; we are committed to the unity of our people and to the mutuality of responsibility and interdependence of the Jewish people of the State of Israel and the Jewish people in the Diaspora.

Because of the fact of our interdependence, we have the obligation to speak out when there is a threat to our unity and the centrality of Israel to the Jewish people.

That right and that duty which we present here is the other side of the coin by which the State of Israel quite properly asserts its rights and its duty to speak and act on matters affecting the well-being of Jews generally. It is the assertion of the parallel right which Israel asserts when, for instance, it speaks out on the Waldheim question and when it claims jurisdiction to adjudicate on the guilt or innocence of an Eichmann or a Demjanjuk. Those rights go in tandem, and we both have the obligation to act whenever and wherever we see threats to us as a Jewish people.

Similarly, this delegation, on behalf of its constituents, views the current legislative issues affecting the definition of Who is a Jew, directly or indirectly, as a threat to those concepts we have previously enunciated.

In doing this we are fulfilling our duty to act as resolutely and as firmly as Israel acts when it perceives threats to the Jewish people.

Amending the Law of Return, directly or indirectly, will cause a significant portion of our people to feel disenfranchised — to feel that the essential unity which has characterized our relationship over these past 40 years to have been assaulted and shattered.

We know that neither the Jewish people of Israel nor the Jews of the Diaspora can tolerate this. We must understand the lessons of our history; we must understand that our futures are inextricably bound to each other.

We urge that there be no alteration in the relationship between Jews of the Diaspora and the State of Israel. This relationship is essential to all of us and we sincerely hope that no legislative action be taken which will cause our relationship and our people irreparable harm.

Immigration helps Jewish demography

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Canadian Jews are older than the rest of the population and the number of Jewish families is declining. While 16% of Canadian Jews are over 65, in the general population the figure is only 9%, and while the average age of Canadian Jews is between 34 and 35, it is 30 in the general population Canada-wide.

The average size of the Jewish family in Canada is 1.9 and the negative population growth would be even worse if not for immigration from Morocco, Israel and the U.S.

This was disclosed at the first meeting of the Canadian Council of Jewish Community Centres and YM-YWHAs by Mitchell Jaffe of New York, assistant executive director of the Jewish Welfare Board, at a panel on Strengthening Jewish Identification.

The 2-day meeting was held at the Toronto JCC and was attended by lay board members and professional staff from nine of 10 centres in Canada: Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, Hamilton, Windsor, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Edmonton and Calgary.

Jaffe posed the question, "Can Jewish life survive in an open society?" and proceeded to give figures which answered it in the negative. The average size of a Canadian Jewish family will need to increase to 2.2 from 1.9 just to stop losses in population.

He referred to a study by a U.S. professor which predicted that the 6 million total of Jews in North America will be reduced to 400,000 by the year 2080; but added that he did not agree with the forecast.

The 8% rate of intermarriage by Canadian Jews is lower than in some other countries, Jaffe said. The Vancouver figure is a little higher and the Montreal one a little lower than the national average.

Stronger identity needed

Where one parent is Jewish, 13% of children under the age of 15 are receiving a Jewish upbringing, but in the case of children of children in a mixed marriage, the figure is near zero.

"There is some hope for the children of an intermarriage, but for their children it is virtually all gone," Jaffe said.

The number of Jewish single parent families is only 7% of the total in Canada, but it is increasing.

Since Jewish families are older and have fewer children than others, it poses questions about Jewish continuity, Jaffe said, adding that the picture in Canada is brighter because the Jewish education factor is stronger than in other places.

As polarization and fragmentation strikes Jewish and other groups, traditional values are being undermined. "The world in general is valueless," he said. "All this results from the attitude that 'all that counts is what is good for me.' "

The need to strengthen Jewish identity is crucial, Jaffe said, praising the Toronto JCC for making it quickly apparent to anyone walking through the front door that it is part of the Jewish community.

As the group discussed ways of strengthening each centre's roots in the community, Mike Bacal, outgoing president of the Montreal Jewish Community Centre, said they are trying to recruit board members from non-affluent sections of the community, but do not find it necessary to look outside the centre for new board members.

Karl Taussig of Vancouver said his centre wants to involve younger people in its leadership.

Bruce Libin, past president of the Calgary Jewish Centre, said one object of the meeting was to find out what the Jewish Welfare Board has to offer to Canadian centres and to impress on JWB what are Canadian requirements. The new Canadian council will continue to meet every year.

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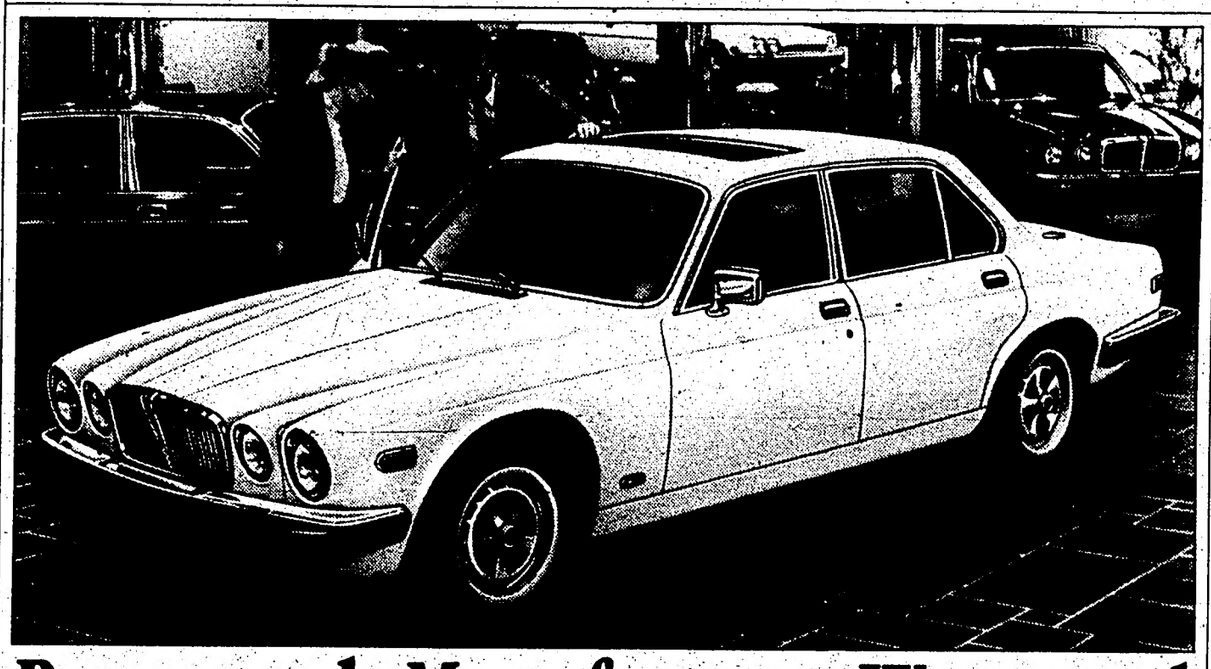

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Battling boycott

For many years Arab nations have been trying to fight the Arab-Israel conflict on the backs of Canadian businesses by requiring its adherence to anti-Israel boycott restrictions.

It is regrettable that the Arab Boycott Office has been successful in far too many cases in pressuring Canadian firms to adopt anti-Israel and anti-semitic practices as a condition of doing business with Arab countries.

The Province of Manitoba, to its great credit, has now enacted a statute (modeled on an Ontario one) which prevents this unsavory activity. The Legislative Assembly of that province recently passed the Discriminatory Practices Act which, according to the Canadian Middle East Digest, "outlaws adherence to, or compliance with, provisions of the Arab Boycott of Israel."

The law, introduced by the government of Howard Pawley, makes it a crime to discriminate on the basis of religion, race, nationality or business affiliation "or to refuse to do business for reasons such as the fear of the Arab Boycott of Israel, or to do business that involves compliance with any boycott provisions — such as promising not to do business with third parties associated with Israel."

The new Manitoba law has teeth. It requires the mandatory reporting of oral or written requests to engage in discriminatory business practice and provides for penalties ranging from $5,000 to $50,000 for those convicted under the act. Anyone convicted is also barred from doing business with the government of Manitoba for a five year period.

It is significant that the statute was brought into being as a result of the activities of a Manitoba government firm, MTX (a telephone company), which revealed a pattern of compliance with Saudi Arabian boycott rules against Jews, Israel and — women.

A coalition of Jewish, civil rights and women's groups reacted strongly to this indignity and lobbied the Pawley government vigorously. The result was the legislation given royal assent on June 30.

The Manitoba experience shows that vigilance is required in preventing Arab countries from violating the rights of Canadian citizens.

It also shows that governments are responsive to democratic lobbying. The government of Manitoba has shown, through its new legislation, that foreign regimes will not be permitted to dictate Canadian economic policy.

Oral testimony

One of the great problems facing the Jewish community today is how to preserve faithfully the memory of the Holocaust so that it can be communicated intact to future generations.

Symposia, classroom instruction, visits to concentration camps, books, articles and memoirs — all of these are useful instruments with which to reconstruct and record the awesome tragedy which befell European Jewry.

One of the most effective modes of instruction is the eyewitness account. The personal, oral testimony of a Holocaust survivor carries an immediacy which no print chronicle can convey.

For this reason we applaud the efforts being made in several places in the United States, Canada and Israel to take oral depositions from Holocaust survivors regarding their experiences under the Nazis.

Sol Friedman, of the Youngstown State University in Ohio, began this important exercise almost a decade ago when he published *Amkha*, a book of interviews he conducted with Nazi victims. Their chilling recollections were compelling testimonies.

Churchill biographer Martin Gilbert recognized the importance of this genre of historical research in his book *The Holocaust*, a systematic account of that horrendous event largely described through the eyes of survivors.

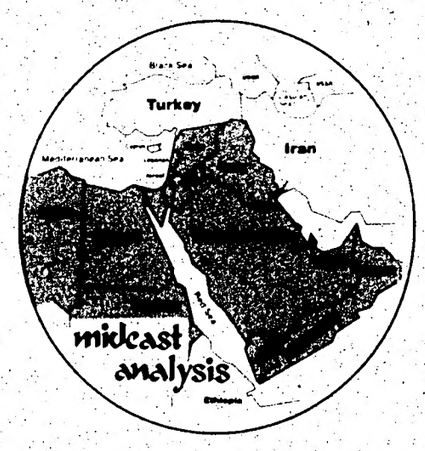
It is to be noted that the Canadian Jewish Congress is following the sound practice of conducting tape recorded interviews with elderly survivors who are residents of the Baycrest Centre, a facility for senior citizens in Toronto.

The Toronto Star (Oct. 19) reported recently that some of the participants in the interview sessions had used the opportunity to speak for the first time about their wartime experiences. Speakers were especially interested in having members of their families learn about Holocaust traumas. The interviews thus provided not only personal catharsis but valuable historical testimony as well.

As we distance ourselves chronologically from the Holocaust its awesome contours tend to recede. Taking the oral testimony of the diminishing number of survivors will serve as a corrective to this melancholic prospect.

Series of violent incidents in recent months

Gaza: The embers still burn



By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Tension has been rising in the Gaza Strip of late. Inhabited largely by Palestinian refugees, Gaza remains a source of turmoil to the Israeli occupying force.

Gaza, whose population density is 24 times higher than the West Bank, has been the scene in recent months of a series of violent incidents that have claimed the lives of close to a dozen Palestinian Arabs and several Israeli Jews, including a shopper, a labor contractor, the commander of the military police, and a Shin Bet agent.

The violence, which has been accompanied by stone throwing, tire burning and demonstrations, escalated on the eve of the visit to Israel of U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz. Before Shultz left Israel, Israeli security men rounded up some 40 Palestinian guerrillas and confiscated a large cache of weapons.

In essence, the violence is a reflection of the on-again, off-again Palestinian rebellion against Israel's occupation. Israel captured Gaza in the Six Day War and has ruled it with an iron hand ever since. Until 1967, Egypt controlled Gaza, which would have been part of a Palestinian state had the 1947 United Nations Palestine partition plan been implemented.

Israel does not recognize the status of Gaza, with its 650,000 Moslems, as occupied territory. And as a result, the Israeli military government there does not regard itself as being bound by the laws and regulations of the Fourth Geneva Convention, which Israel ratified in 1949.

Since the occupation began, the Israeli authorities have issued hundreds of orders which regulate the social, economic and political lives of the Palestinians but which do not apply to the 2,000 Jews who have established some 18 settlements there.

Needless to say, the Palestinians do not recognize Israel's self-appointed role in Gaza, whose rapidly-growing population is expected to reach 1 million in the year 2,000.

In the wake of the Six Day War, Palestinian guerrillas affiliated with the Palestine Liberation Organization turned Gaza into a virtual battlefield, challenging the Israeli army on almost a daily basis. Gaza was more or less pacified by one of its most forceful military commanders, Gen. Ariel Sharon, now the minister of industry and trade. By 1971, after a series of ruthless maneuvers, he had smashed PLO cells and had started the process of resettling some of the refugees in Israeli-built housing.

To a remarkable degree, Sharon's tactics were successful. For all intents and purposes, he crushed the revolt that had been building for the past 4 years. Gaza slipped into somnolence, at least for a while.

Since 1971, the level of violence in Gaza has not usually matched that of the West Bank. But the embers of rebellion still burn, albeit not as brightly as before, stoked by Palestinians belonging to nominally secular and Islamic fundamentalist groups.

Despite the Palestinian nationalist revolt against the Israeli presence, the residents of Gaza are more dependent on Israel now than in the past.

Half of Gaza's 90,000 work-force is employed in Israel, in menial jobs that Israelis refuse to touch. Gaza's hard-pressed economy, with a very high unemployment, offers them no solace. It is estimated that 45 per cent of its gross national production is generated by these workers.

Meron Benvenisti, an Israeli researcher who studies the occupied areas, says that Gaza has become "a labor camp" for Israel. As he puts it, "There is basically no Gaza economy to speak of."

According to Harvard University researcher Sara Roy, the industrial sector consists mainly of small cottage industries which cannot provide many jobs. In a recently-published book, *The Gaza Strip Survey (Westview Press, $15)*, she writes that "the development of new firms and factories is difficult due to various military restrictions on such activity."

In the pre-1967 period, Gaza was also underdeveloped. "Industry contributed little to Gaza's domestic economy," she writes. "Characterized by small-scale establishments, an unskilled labor pool, low capital investment and traditional production processes, Gazan industry was oriented primarily to... local consumption."

Gaza industry is hampered by a lack of markets. Manufactured goods are exported to Israel, but are severely regulated. Furthermore, local manufacturers have no access to government credits, subsidies, or tax breaks.

Agriculture is stymied by a maze of regulations. An Arab farmer cannot plant fruit trees on a commercial scale or undertake land reclamation without a permit. Vegetable farmers cannot compete with their subsized Israeli counterparts in the local marketplace. And they are forbidden to sell their vegetables in Israel.

Gaza's citrus industry has wilted. Roy claims that, in 1975, citrus production reached 243,000 tons, and plummeted to 164,000 tons nine years later. She ascribes the reduction to Israeli restrictions on the sale of Gaza citrus to West European markets.

The fishing industry has been in a state of decline since Israel imposed a 12-mile limit on Gaza fishing boats and Egypt banned its fishermen from entering the fertile grounds off the Sinai Peninsula.

The situation is exacerbated by the fact that Gazans pay more in taxes than they receive in services.

Living conditions in Gaza are far from satisfactory.

A study carried out for City University of New York, but sponsored by the United States Agency for International Development, paints a sombre picture.

It says that Gaza, with a high infant mortality rate, nutritional problems and deficiencies of sanitation and water, exhibits "Third World patterns of health."

Politically, Gaza exists in a twilight zone, not being claimed by any Arab government.

By signing the 1979 Camp David Accords, Egypt effectively renounced any claim to Gaza. But Egypt never had any sentimental attachment to Gaza: In the pre-1967 period, Egypt treated it as a useless backwater and used it as a military base. And significantly, Egypt did not grant Egyptian citizenship to Gaza's inhabitants. To this day, they remain stateless.

In the absence of any real Egyptian interest in Gaza, Jordan has assumed responsibility for its future. Israel places no restrictions in the way of Gazans seeking Jordanian citizenship, but Jordan has not been too generous in granting them such status.

Last year, King Hussein and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak discussed the possibility of Palestinian self-rule in Gaza. The proposal was raised by a Gazan dignitary, Rashad Shawa, the deposed mayor of Gaza. Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin rejected it, but came out in favor of greater self-autonomy for the Palestinians there.

In the meantime, Israel is consolidating its hold on Gaza by means of new settlements. Israeli settlement policy has gone through three distinct phases.

From 1967 to 1971, when Gaza was in a turbulent state, only one settlement was created.

Before the Camp David Accords, five more were built.

Since then, 12 have emerged.

Settlements serve notice on the Palestinians of Israel's intention to retain Gaza and to prevent it from being used in the formation of a Palestinian state.

Israel, in the interests of its security, seems prepared to put up with the inevitable Palestinian backlash that is part and parcel of an occupation.

An armed Israeli soldier walks past Arab woman selling produce in the Gaza marketplace. [RNS photo]

Opinion

Deliverance always came from unexpected quarters

Gripping autobiography shows heroic will to live

On Nov. 11, Mosaic Press will publish *Endurance: Chronicles of Jewish Resistance*, the wartime memoirs of a Holocaust survivor, Amnon Ajzensztadt, now a resident of Toronto. He will address the Toronto Jewish Book Fair Friday, Nov. 27 at 10.30 a.m.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir describes the book as an "important contribution to the literature of the Holocaust."

Prof. Eleazar Birnbaum of the University of Toronto writes:

Amnon Ajzensztadt has written an extraordinary book — a gripping autobiography, which is yet much more than the purely personal account of a complex character's adventures amidst the horrors of World War II.

He terms himself "a self-appointed chronicler of Israel's drama among the nations," seeking to fulfil the Torah's command to tell one's children their people's story. His life mirrors in microcosm the history of Jewish suffering, struggle and ultimate survival.

Narrating his experiences, and also those of others whom he met in his odyssey across Poland, the Ukraine and Russia, he recounts a series of disasters and calamities, from each of which he managed to escape with his life. He emerges clearly as a man of exceptional gifts: intelligence, acute observation and instinctive deductive ability, an outstanding talent for acting, great personal charm and magnificent chutzpah.

He was fortified in his struggle by his firm conviction of God's ultimate protection and compassion, as he had learned from his father, the Tzousmerer Rebbe. At many critical junctures, the author found an apt quotation on his lips — from the Psalms, the Talmud, the Jewish prayer book. Whenever hope seemed most irrational, deliverance came from an unexpected quarter, and he lived to tell the tale.

Philosopher Emil Fackenheim is similarly impressed with Endurance. As he puts it:

Thus, at one point in his autobiography Amnon Ajzensztadt describes his unbelievable struggle to survive as a Jew during the years of Nazi horror. Several things in this work are unbelievable yet true. The "Aryan"-looking son of a chassidic rebbe; the luck that assisted the son — the father was murdered — in passing for an Aryan, and indeed in one way or another for a supporter of the enemy; moments of near detection too many and varied to even hint at here; these are enough to make a fascinating story.

But most unbelievable of all are the two facts stressed often enough in previous accounts of survivors, but that need telling and retelling again and again: a wickedness without precedent in the annals of mankind, made with Teutonic efficiency into a system so thorough as to make countless ordinary, dime-a-dozen individuals into willing or even enthusiastic instruments; and in the face of this overpowering force, a Jewish will to survive of heroic proportions.

This latter emerges especially clearly in this book, since the author never lets the reader forget what is a plain fact but what is all-too-often obscured or even denied today for all sorts of reasons, all unforgivable: the fact that Jews were Nazism's singled-out victims. As Elie Wiesel has well put it, not all victims were Jews, but all Jews were victims.

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Following are excerpts from Endurance:

After our abrupt departure from Stalino, I worked my way back to Dniepropietrowsk. I felt completely at home there. I knew every nook and cranny of the countryside, every valley and hill from Pushkinskayayama, the Pushkin pit, to the mountainous terrain of Checelovka and the Szewezenko Park near the city hospital.

I knew the back alleys, the bomb shelters, the botanical garden, the historical landmarks, the church cemeteries, the saloons and bars, the bootleggers and "moonshine" distillers. Above all, though, I knew a number of good people and local underground members who asked few questions and who were willing to do a favor in times of need.

The physical skyline of the proletarian city was unaltered. But in the subterranean world of the Polish Jews on Aryan papers there was quite a change! Of the more than 200 of them on forged Christian papers, approximately 20% had been denounced and picked up by the Gestapo. About 30% had voluntarily given up all the amenities of city life and the chance to live like normal human beings. They had joined the wandering Soviet partisans in the surrounding forests — freeing themselves of the unbearable burden of leading a double life as alleged Catholic Poles in constant fear of their own compatriots and of being unmasked as Jews. The majority, some 80 souls, went into hiding and made all kinds of arrangements with their keepers and protectors.

Only the ones with the perfect Nordic looks and immaculate command of the Polish language still dared to hold on to their managerial positions and ordinary jobs at the auxiliary forces and still wore the uniforms of the Wehrmachtsgefolge.

Amnon Ajzensztadt and Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Mishko Kapustiak was a westernized liberal Ukrainian with an affinity for the underdog and the ambition to be a contemporary historian. We had been friends for quite some time and he told me what had happened in Dniepropietrowsk during my absence.

It started out with the secret initiative of a few morally degenerate hoodlums: Marian Hycel, Stephan Bydlo, and Antek Zemsta, who created their own sort of private detective agency to uncover Jews among their own ranks for the purpose of blackmailing them. They began to observe the behavior patterns of their dark-complexioned co-workers. They looked for such signs as not crossing themselves before eating or while passing a church, speaking Polish ungrammatically or not showing enough taste for drinking and carousing. The most telltale sign was their would-be victim's tendency to avoid company, and avoid looking someone straight in the eye with defiance and challenge.

Once such an individual was detected, they followed him secretly to find out where he lived. Then they paid him a surprise visit. First they ransacked the place, turning everything upside down, looking for valuables which they immediately confiscated. The victim's passivity was automatic proof that he was, indeed, a disguised Jew. After picking up and bundling together everything that could be sold in the local bazaar, they told him that from now on he was to hand over to them half of his earnings every two weeks, as soon as he received his wages. If he did not do so he was finished. He would be denounced to the police.

The victims knew that they had no choice. It was either pay up or face almost certain death in the gas chambers. Antek Zemsta, Stephan Bydlo and Marian Hycel acted like Mafia chieftains sitting in their beloved restaurant and nightclub "under the red lantern" on Sheroka Boulevard. Having a good time and collecting the blood-money envelopes of their terrorized Jews who sneaked dejectedly into the cabaret restaurants, paid the blood money extracted from them, and quickly disappeared in order not to draw excessive attention from other brigands.

However, after the Warsaw Ghetto rebellion the infamous triumvirate suddenly disappeared. Nobody knew where to or why. Rumors floated around that after the Jews had shown their capacity to fight, taking on the Wehrmacht and the SS troops with real live ammunition, valiantly holding out for over six weeks with many Nazi casualties, it was no longer unpunishable to bleed the "Yids" and take their possessions and their money.

The whole general attitude of the "Pollacks" somehow changed after the 19th of April, 1943. There was now talk of a united resistance movement of all Polish citizens, regardless of faith and different religious persuasion.

Unfortunately, some of the Gestapo people knew of these antics and they themselves took over the initiative, turning it into a well-organized operation. Without warning and at random, they would surround a construction company on pay day, line up all foreign workers, with or without uniform, and walk between the standing rows of workers, seeking Yiddish-looking faces. The moment they sniffed someone out who did not look to them like a bona fide Aryan, they simply told him to step forward and to let down his trousers and show his genitals in everyone's presence. If there was any sign of circumcision, he was instantly taken out, handcuffed and put into the black Gestapo van waiting right there on the spot.

"You know, Adam," Mishko said with regret, "you cannot imagine the ashen colored, pallid faces of those poor young men ferreted out from the line like useless weeds."

"Those bastards, those low-life, vile extortionists, opened a Pandora's box which destroyed some of their own finest people, like the pure-blooded Polish engineer Valerian Kuczynski — an ex-major in the Polish army, excellent architect, and construction specialist with a diploma from the University of Munich. Kuczynski spoke German masterfully and won a contract to repair and refurbish boats in the shipyards of the Nikolayev port on the Black Sea. Knowing the terrible slaughter his Jewish compatriots went through, he wanted to help them as much as he could. He belonged to those noble spiritual aristocrats who knew the meaning and the value of saving human life.

"So by word of mouth he let it be known through special trustworthy messengers that Jews who looked like 'good Christians' with any kind of identification could find employment and safety as uniformed tradesmen in the auxiliary services of the German naval forces. Within a short time, he assembled 80 people, some with their wives, who were put to work in the kitchen and as office staff wearing the navy blue apparel of the German navy.

"Everything seemed to be fine. They were all Jews, from the craftsmen to the bureau personnel to the doorman at the dormitory. The only non-Jew was their mentor, protector and savior — Valerian Kuczynski. A true and genuine Catholic Pole, he was obsessed with the virtuous ambition to save this unique, fantastic conglomeration of desperate survivors, from many different cities. . . .

But one is docudrama, the other is Hollywood

Refugee the same as Soviet defector

By
ELAINE KAHN

Canada has a long and honorable history of completely screwed up immigration policy — we all know that. It is as much a part of our national identity as butter tarts and Pierre Berton — unfortunately for me, it doesn't go down as smoothly.

Oh I realize that, by now, as a loyal Canadian, any new edict on immigrants or refugees should pass right by me with the ease of a maple leaf in autumn drifting down onto a Hudson's Bay blanket — but I'm too wrapped up in it.

I have, however, broadened my outlook. When I get angry now, it's not just because of family members killed in Europe after earlier demonstrations of Canadian hospitality, not even just because a recent viewing of archival footage of the voyage of the Jew-filled St. Louis, turned away by country after country, made me cry. Now it's also because I want a clean house and friends around me.

It took over six years for the woman who comes in weekly to clean for us to win her battle to stay here. Nothing convinced me more of the distance between bureaucrats and the common person than this: I know how hard it is to find good trustworthy household help, they obviously don't. Various lawyers excelled, however, at taking her money while advising her alternately to apply for refugee status or immigration status, depending on which amnesty was expected to come up soonest. Cute game.

It's taken over eight years for a Honduran friend to decide to come here for a visit. Naturally, two months before her trip, the government slapped visa requirements on Hondurans, after some entered illegally at Vancouver. To top it off, we have no consulate in Honduras where you can get such a visa — you have to travel to Guatemala, Mexico or the U.S. But, hey, my friend can afford the money, if not the time and trouble, and so what if the vast majority of her compatriots can't? I mean, it's not as if humans have the right to live or travel anywhere they want, you know.

Except if it's Russia that's doing the restricting — then we get all hot and bothered. This is most evident in our language: refugees from Russia are called "defectors."

Within a week of the Honduran visa story, I heard on radio that several Russians had defected in Gander. For the life of me, I could not figure out why a Russian slipping away from a plane in Gander and wanting to stay here is different from a Nicaraguan peasant sneaking over the border on foot or a Sikh washing ashore in Nova Scotia, except that the first is Hollywood and the last two are docudrama.

We have often made heroes of defectors and they are not sent back, because we all know, or believe, that the fate of a returned Russian defector is death. Many refugees here from other countries say they will be killed if they return home.

My guess is that would make them just as dead.

My hope is that one day we can raise the level of discourse past death to truly helping them with life.

Opinion

Appelfeld articulates complex moods freezing terrifying moments in history

Harrowing experiences resulted in poignant novels

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Aharon Appelfeld was only 8 years old when his comfortable, insulated world was irretrievably shattered. His adolescence was forged on the anvil of war, dislocation and suffering.

After the entry of the German army into Czernowitz, his Romanian place of birth, Appelfeld's life was thrown into utter turmoil, and many years elapsed before he used his harrowing experiences to construct poignant novels that would win him international renown.

Appelfeld was one of some 100,000 Jewish children who, having lived through the Holocaust, immigrated to the newly created State of Israel.

"All of them have a history and mine was not the worst," he said in an interview the other afternoon. "I was too young to appreciate fully what was going on. It took me years to realize what had happened."

The Holocaust, the seminal event of his life, shaped Appelfeld's character and provided him with the essential raw materials which he skillfully injects into his novels. "There was a kind of psychological pressure on me to write," he explained. "I wanted to analyze and understand the Holocaust, but I realized that, as a child, I had observed it blindly and was not fully conscious of it."

In the fullness of time, Appelfeld managed to externalize his thoughts and his feelings through the medium of the novel. It enabled him to articulate complex moods that froze terrifying moments in history.

Appelfeld, who has written such critically acclaimed books as *Badenheim 1939*, *The Age of Wonders*, *To The Land of the Cattails*, *The Retreat* and *Tzili: The Story of a Life*, is a master of one of the most difficult literary forms, the fable.

Take *Badenheim 1939* and *The Age of Wonders*, for example. In *Badenheim*, Appelfeld uses a single European resort to dramatize not just one summer, but the entire pre-war experience of German and Austrian Jews. In *The Age of Wonders*, he builds a story around an assimilated Austrian Jew, full of illusions and self-justifications, who remains pitifully oblivious to the tide of anti-semitic madnesss lapping at his feet.

Neither novel touches on the Holocaust overtly or even realistically. Instead, the author relies on symbolism and parable to evoke the hopelessness of the Jewish situation and to examine the emotional and cultural essence of Jewishness.

Appelfeld, who writes about the pain and isolation of its victims in an understated, Kafkaesque style, refuses to describe himself as a writer of the Holocaust.

"Mainly, I write Jewish stories, and I write about the Holocaust because I grew up in that time."

A warm, amiable man, Appelfeld has written collections of short stories and essays in addition to novels, five of which have been published in English. One third of his books are on the Holocaust, one-third on Israel and the balance on Jewish life in general.

"I am trying to understand the phenomenon of Jewish life," said Appelfeld, who was here as the guest of the annual International Festival of Authors. "One of my interests is the Jewish intelligentsia, the Jews who lost their culture in Eastern Europe and became vulgarized. I am not dealing with anti-semitism, which is an incurable disease, nor even with Jewish-Christian relations. I am dealing with Jews."

Born in the Bukovinian town of Czernowitz in 1932, he was the only child of Michael and Hunia Appelfeld, assimilated, well-off Romanian Jews whose sedate universe was forever broken in the summer of 1940.

The first blow was the sudden death of his mother, murdered by the Germans on the day they marched into Czernowitz. Appelfeld's father was sent to a labor camp and he was deported to a concentration camp in the province of Transnistria.

Appelfeld escaped and spent the next three years in hiding, living with Ukrainian peasants (who, he thinks, would have killed him had they known he was Jewish) and marginal people like prostitutes, fortune tellers and horse thieves. "I was always on the move. I was afraid to stay with anyone too long. I owe my survival not to wisdom but to instinct."

Eventually, he became a kitchen boy and junior cook in the Russian army. "I was lucky — some of the Russian officers were Jewish and sympathetic."

Appelfeld worked his way to refugee camps in Yugoslavia and Italy, and arrived in Palestine one year before Israel declared its statehood, a totally disoriented orphan without any knowledge of Hebrew, the language in which he writes all his books today.

After graduating from the Hebrew University with a general arts degree, Appelfeld taught Hebrew literature in high school. For the past decade, he has given a course in creative writing at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. He and his family live in Mevasseret Zion, which is practically a suburb of Jerusalem. The Appelfelds have three children. The oldest boy, now 21, is a painter, a 19-year son is in the army, and a 13-year-old daughter lives at home.

In 1960, he was reunited with his father, who lived in the Soviet Union until his immigration to Israel. Michael Appelfeld passed away 10 years ago, at the age of 80.

Appelfeld's first book, *Smoke*, a collection of short stories primarily about Holocaust survivors who settled in Israel, was published in 1962. Like Isaac Bashevis Singer's Yiddish novels, Appelfeld's Hebrew stories are first serialized in the daily press before they reach the public as books.

In 1979, after the publication of *Badenheim 1939* in an English edition, Appelfeld's reputation beyond Israel's borders soared, and now he is considered one of Israel's major writers. U.S. critic Irving Howe says he is "one of the best novelists alive."

Appelfeld is looking forward to the publication early next year of *The Immortal Bartfuss*, a novelistic portrait of a Holocaust survivor in Israel who struggles with his memories.

Appelfeld's books have been translated into 25 languages, but, perhaps surprisingly, not into his native Romanian. He is therefore pleased about plans by the Romanian government to publish *Badenheim 1939*.

His newest novel, in Hebrew, is coming out soon. Set in the 1920s, in Bukovina as well as in Vienna, it revolves around Jewish artists.

Currently, Appelfeld is immersed in a novel about his chassidic grandparents. Usuallly, he writes every day, for six or seven hours, constantly rewriting and polishing his prose.

"I can't imagine easy writing," he said. "It's a kind of friction between form and feeling. It's a struggle. My table is a battlefield."

Some battlefield.

Israeli author Aharon Appelfeld

"In a little while we'll reach the river"

They traveled southward, and their destination was the river. It was a broad land, dispirited, overcast by high mountains like clouds. Now, after the harvest, the region seemed even more wretched, emptiness breathed in it, and the first marks of autumn already nestled in the corners of the fields. But the roads were still dry, thick with dust from the commotion that had held sway all summer long.

"Darling," said the mother in a theatrical voice, "you must suffer your mother's whims, even though you are innocent. For you've done nothing wrong."

The son did not budge; he had stopped reacting to her chatter. It was a strange amalgam of memories, heartfelt yearnings, and scraps of quarrels. From time to time a single word would slip out of her mouth, a distillation of her suffering, but mostly it was monotonous, meaningless verbiage.

"Didn't you hear me?"

"I heard you."

It had been easier in the mountains, but the mother was drawn to the river as if by strong cords, so that they rolled and rolled until they reached that exposed plain upon which the summer's end called down its curse of dust.

"In a little while we'll reach the river." She spoke as she would speak to him when he was a child, to console him or temper his impatience. "The river is absolutely lovely."

"What does she want?" he thought. His attention, though, was concentrated on the horses. Since morning neither oats from the feedbag nor water from the bucket had passed their lips, but how could he stop them in this swamp of dust? He urged them on with all his restrained annoyance.

In the afternoon they glimpsed the riverbank beyond the brush. The mother straightened the upper part of her body and, with a kind of pretentiousness, announced: "I told you. You didn't believe me."

The son knew that it wasn't she, but something within her. She deserved pity, but even so he couldn't help fixing her with an angry stare.

"Don't you see?" she insisted.

She had been born on the banks of that river, and she had never forgotten the blue flame on its waters. During his childhood, before he fell asleep, she used to tell him of the wonders of the River Prut. Over the years the hue of those marvels had changed, but she always spoke about the river with feeling. Once those memories had had a charm that would penetrate his sleep and provoke subtle sensations within him. After awhile the charm wore off.

Now the horses occupied his thoughts. They had been bought just two weeks before, and already he felt a slight, warm affinity for them. "You love the horses more than me," the mother said hastily. She exaggerated, as was her wont, though there was a bit of truth in what she said. More and more he sought their company. They were a pair of fast, shapely horses that had climbed up the mountains with straight backs and devoured the plains. For a moment he imagined he saw the transmigrated souls of ancient knights in them, but he immediately rejected the idea, the way one rejects superstitions.

— from To the Land of the Cattails

Australia gets access to war crimes files

By
VIC ALHADEFF

SYDNEY, Australia —

Australia has arranged access to the 40,000 secret United Nations files on Nazi war criminals.

This was disclosed recently by Bob Greenwood, head of the Special Investigations Unit into the presence of suspected Nazi war criminals in Australia. Greenwood has just returned from a fact-finding tour of Canada, Israel, the United States, the Soviet Union, West Germany, Britain and Italy. He was accompanied by one of the unit's senior investigators, Bob Gray.

More than 250 alleged Nazi war criminals are under invstigation by Greenwood's 13-man unit, established as a result of last year's Menzies Inquiry into the presence of suspected war criminals in this country.

The UN's 40,000 files on war criminals have not been publicly released. They were compiled in 1947 by the 17-nation War Crimes Commission, and all 17 countries have to consent before they can be opened to public scrutiny. Fifteen of the 17 nations have so far given consent.

With Australia a member of the War Crimes Commission — and the first of the 17 to consent to the files being released — Greenwood arranged with the UN that he would have access to the information whenever the need arises. (Israeli investigators have also had access to the files.)

In Canada Greenwood and Gray conferred with the unit set up by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Canadian justice department to trace alleged war criminals, and discussed coordination of efforts.

"In Moscow we had negotiations with Soviet officials with a view to establishing a program of cooperation, particularly in regard to the gathering of potential evidence," Greenwood told me in an exclusive interview. "I was pleased with the reception from the Soviet Union."

In Israel Greenwood and Gray spoke to the war crimes prosecutors of the department of justice and to Lieut.-Col. Russek, head of the War Crimes Unit of the Israeli police.

"We were given an additional list of names by Efraim Zuroff, the Israeli representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre," Greenwood said. "This brought to 77 the number of names we have received from the centre." The Demjanjuk trial was in recess at the time, which gave Greenwood an opportunity to hold discussions with members of the prosecution team.

In the United States Greenwood established contact with the justice department, which controls the Office of Special Investigations (into Nazi and other war criminals).

A spokesman for the attorney-general's department in Canberra said, meanwhile, that a bill to amend the War Crimes Act of 1945 is still in draft form. Amendment is necessary to give Australia's civil courts the power to try alleged war criminals. As the law stands, they can be tried by a military tribunal only.

Opinion

Band of veterans of struggle against tyranny

Bund gave dignity, self-respect to Jewish poor

By
J. B. SALSBERG

The Bund, like all political organizations, had its fill of infantile infirmities. Its major debility, as I see it, was its inability to come to terms with the challenge of Jewish nationhood for an awful long time. That led to erroneous and bizarre conclusions, i.e. — should the Bund be a worldwide Jewish workers' party or only a party for those who live in "Russia, Lithuania and Poland?" The decision was for the restricted area. . . . Thus the Bund did not accompany the Jewish workers to America, to Argentina, or most other areas.

J. B. Salsberg

It was not until 1947 that the Bund formally recognized the Jews as a single, historic peoplehood (a velt folk).

But by then East European Jewry was decimated and its millenia-old living spaces were devastated. World Jewry lost one of its most precious possessions and the Bund had lost its all. . . .

But the Bund did leave a glorious record nevertheless.

From its founding days, in 1897, the Bund offered as much economic improvement to the impoverished Jewish masses as the prevailing economic system allowed. But the Bund also provided dignity, self-respect to the Jewish poor. And, even more important, the Bund paved the way for the introduction of modern, secular, Jewish culture to the working masses.

The Bund was either alien to or hostile to Zionism but there was never any doubt about the Bund's dedication to Jewish interests and to the defence of Jewish rights. Thus, when the Nazis captured a Polish Jewish town, they sought to demean and to demoralize the frightened Jewish community. They threw the synagogue's Torah scroll into the mud in the street and placed an armed Nazi to prevent anyone from raising the scroll from the mud.

History of the Holocaust is able to tell us that it was an underground group of the Bund (secular Jews all) that organized and successfully executed a plan to eliminate the armed guard and to rescue the Torah.

The Bund also played a key role in the organization, together with the Poalei Zion (right and left wings) and other groups in the heroic Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

After the war there was no one and no place to return to. The small numbers of Bund survivors dispersed throughout the world. Some went to "Palestine," others to relatives or friends in all Jewish communities around the world.

Thus it came to pass that the Bund that originally restricted itself to "Russia, Lithuania and Poland" became, after the Holocaust, a party, though tiny in numbers, around the Jewish world! Bund survivors formed Bund groups in Canada, the U.S., Australia, Israel, Central and South America and in other lands.

But the Bund, born in historical circumstances that vanished in the smoke of the Nazi death camps, was hardly able to renew its role in the profoundly different social, economic and political conditions that the small Bundist groups found in their new communities.

No, the post-war Bundist survivors could not lead great masses of Jewish workers. The remnants of the once mighty Bund became a family of international ramifications. Bundists, like aging veterans of historic battles, re-live their glorious past in the Bundist communality that was forged around the world.

Bundists of Brazil are at home in Bundist homes in Toronto or Montreal. They have become members of a worldwide fraternity. When Bundists of one place meet Bundists of another place they embrace, hug and shed tears of joy at the sight of each other. Bundists can still travel around the world without departing from the Bundist atmosphere and tradition.

Now, when Bundists around the world will celebrate the 90th anniversary of their organization they will, with shining eyes, sing the unchanged, the traditional Bund hymn, (the Bundishe Shvueh), and pledge to continue the struggle for freedom and rights (far freiheit un recht) and against all tyrants and their slavish aides (kegen alleh tiranen un zeiere knecht).

And, although I have never been a Bundist, I will hopefully attend the Toronto celebration of 90 years of the Bund and, when the assembled Bundist family pledges the continuation of the struggle against tyrants and tyranny, I will stand and respectfully salute the veterans of historic Jewish battles.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and handwritten signature.

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BRING A FLAK JACKET?

Wendy Rosen's article in a recent issue of The CJN indicates something was amiss at City Hall in Ottawa.

Ottawa's Mayor James Durrell invited to a Canadian conference a group of international mayors — including the mayor of Tripoli in Libya, a state that supports terrorism.

Mayor Durrell, however, snubbed Teddy Kollek, Jerusalem's mayor, a man who was a Nobel prize nominee.

I understand some of the discussion at the conference involved terrorism and its control.

If Orwell and Kafka were alive, how they would smile in sad triumph.

I must tell the members of all my organizations to avoid Ottawa as a convention city; but, if they must go there, not to forget their flak jackets.

What jokes are perpetrated in the name of diplomacy, Mayor Durrell, and you, too, Joe Clark of External Affairs!

Dr. George I. Bernstein
Windsor, Ont.

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NO PITY FOR DRUG SMUGGLER

Howard Snobel, a convicted criminal, appeals for assistance from fellow Jews to have his prison sentence reduced, in his letter of Oct. 15.

Obviously, the purpose of Snobel's letter to a Jewish newspaper is to garner sympathy because he is a Jew.

Snobel's appeal fell on very unsympathetic ears — mine! One has but to reflect on the overwhelming disasters wrought by drug pushers to banish any momentary thought of aid.

Snobel is an admitted convicted narcotics smuggler and, as such, is not entitled to sympathy and assistance from the Jewish or any other community.

Sarah Kirzner
Toronto

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SLAMS ORTHODOX COUNCIL

Re your Oct. 8 front-page article about the Vaad Harabonim (Toronto's council of Orthodox rabbis) protesting the decision of the Canadian Jewish Congress to oppose changes to Israel's Law of Return:

Canadian Jews have been lucky so far. Canada is one of the few countries in the world where Jews have generally felt secure and have anticipated that their rights would be protected in perpetuity.

Imagine for a moment that something changed. Imagine a pogrom, an inquisition or a holocaust.

Imagine now that the perpetrators of this new persecution were to announce that they only sought to eliminate Orthodox Jews. Liberal and secular Jews would be free to do as they choose; Orthodox Jews would be put on trains for an unknown destination.

If such a future were to ensue, Orthodox Jews could rest assured that Conservative, Reconstructionist, Reform and secular Jews would be unanimous in their opposition to this persecution. An attack on any Jew is an attack on all Jews, we would assert with one voice.

Sadly, the reverse is not true. If the new Nazis are clever, they will first attack the less observant Jews, knowing that their annihilation will spark no concern from Vaad Harabonim or the Orthodox community.

While the secular Jews (who created Zionism) fight to preserve Israel as a refuge for all Jews, the Orthodox (who opposed the early Zionists) now fight to deny to persecuted Jews the Right of Return if they are not Orthodox.

This is not an abstract issue. Jews escaping persecution in countries such as Iran, Ethiopia, Syria and Argentina would be denied refuge in Israel if Vaad Harabonim were to have their way.

If the Orthodox community in Canada chooses to place itself in opposition to the interests of persecuted Jews throughout the world, one must question their credentials.

Are the rabbis who represent Vaad Harabonim really Jews, or should they be treated with the same contempt that is due any other anti-semite?

Robert David Katz
Toronto

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IS JEWISH UNITY POSSIBLE?

Holy Blossom's Rabbi Dow Marmur has recently called for the formation of a *beth din* (rabbinic court) of Orthodox, Conservative and Reform spiritual leaders.

He draws support for this concept from the Torah portion of Nitzavim, wherein all types of Jews are told to stand before God.

This, Marmur suggests, is the Torah's stamp of approval for a pluralistic society.

What the good rabbi neglects to mention is the very next statement in the Torah, which describes the purpose of this unity. Namely: "In order that you should become bound by the covenant of God."

Unity is useless if we join hands to contrive acts against God's will.

Unity is meaningful and wonderful if we join forces to maintain the covenant of God, which are the mitzvahs of the Torah.

L. Steinberg
Toronto

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URGES BOYCOTT OF JAPAN

I hope that Jews may use the enclosed Oct. 13 article in the New York Times as a springboard of a counterboycott against Japanese products.

Their harsh and iniquitous boycott of Israel in tandem with the Arab countries should not be allowed to continue unanswered.

Sooner or later they'll get the message, if the message is strong enough.

The Times dispatch from Tokyo reads in part:

The Toshiba Machine Company gave new meaning to the term "free trade" when it was disclosed that it had shipped sophisticated submarine propeller parts illegally to the Soviet Union.

Lobbyists from the parent company, Toshiba Corporation, have descended on Washington to try to remove from the omnibus trade bill a retaliatory clause that would ban the sale of all Toshiba products in the United States.

But before we are overwhelmed with sympathy for the parent company — which apparently had no knowledge of the furtive trading activities of its subsidiary — let us keep in mind that Toshiba has flatly refused to trade with Israel. . . .

One of Japan's best kept secrets is that virtually none of its major trading houses nor large commercial firms will do business openly with Israel. These are the same companies that have launched a large-scale lobbying effort in the United States against protectionist legislation, posing as the champions of free trade.

The reason for isolating Israel is simple. Most Japanese trading companies adhere to the Arab boycott, which states that any company that trades with Israel cannot sell to an Arab company. The United States and most European countries have passed laws making it illegal to comply with the boycott.

Not so in Japan, and Toshiba has been one of the worst offenders.

Other Japanese firms that openly discriminate against Israel include Nissan, Toyota, Mazda, Mitsui, Mochida, C. Itoh, Nippon Steel, Hitachi and Sumitomo.

Irving D. Temins
Toronto

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Jewish songwriter Neil Sedaka is shown with his wife for the past 25 years, Leba Strassberg.

SEDAKA A HAYMISHE JEW

To settle a wager, could you please tell me if Neil Sedaka, the pop composer and singer, is Jewish? I'm betting he is.

Leo Kahn
Toronto

Editor's note: You've won the bet. Brooklyn-born Sedaka (it used to be Sedacca) is the 48-year-old son of a Sephardic immigrant cab driver from Istanbul, Turkey. He says he has infused cantorial chants in many of the songs he has written for 25 albums. He further says that Jewish people relate to him strongly during his live performances. "I have that haymishe quality," he says. "I think I remind them of someone in their family."

His most popular song is Breaking Up Is Hard To Do. That title does not refer to his relationship with Leba Strassberg, who helped her parents run a hotel in the New York Catskills, where bandleader Sedaka was first smitten by the 16-year-old. They have since been married for 25 years.

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JEWISH NAZI TURNCOAT

In the Oct. 15 Diary of a People, David Birkan recounts:

"In the 1930s, *Der Stuermer* (Julius Streicher's anti-Jewish weekly) had a Jew on its staff. Streicher said that he paid him handsomely, but never shook his hand."

The man in question was Israel Jonas Wolk (born in Fuerth in 1890), son of the *melamed* (private Hebrew teacher) Nissen Wolk and Marianne Oberlander Wolk, who immigrated to Fuerth from the Galician area of the old Austro-Hungarian Empire. Israel Jonas Wolk's brother served as the shamosh (beadle) of the Orthodox Conventicle Synagogue in Fuerth.

Israel Jonas Wolk worked for the *Sturmer* (translating, or rather mistranslating, the Talmud and Codes for Streicher's purposes) under the pseudonym of Fritz Brandt. He received an annual salary of 8,400 reichsmark for his services, as well as additional bonuses.

As well, Wolk (and his wife, who died in Stuttgart in September, 1965), worked as agents for the secret state police (Gestapo).

Prof. Klaus J. Herrmann
Montreal

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ISRAELI FILM MOVED HIM

I was delighted to read Sheldon Kirshner's recent article about the Israeli film, *Late Summer Blues*, dealing with the ambivalence of young Israelis facing army duty.

I saw the film last summer while I was in Haifa, and was deeply moved by it.

As a youth myself, I found I could relate to it. Every character had a little bit of me in it.

I saw the movie again at Toronto's Film Festival of Festivals, and it was just as enjoyable the second time around.

Steven Page
Richmond Hill, Ont.

World-National

41-year-old judge "highly respected"

Reagan nominates Ginsburg to Supreme Court

WASHINGTON (JTA) — President Reagan last week nominated U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Douglas Ginsburg as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. If confirmed by the Senate he would be the sixth Jew to serve on the high court, the first since 1969.

The announcement was made before a cheering audience in the East Room of the White House by Reagan. He urged the Senate to act quickly to prevent the type of opposition that led to the rejection by the Senate of his first nominee to replace Justice Lewis Powell, Judge Robert Bork.

Reagan said the 41-year-old Ginsburg is "unpretentious" and "highly respected by his peers." He noted that Ginsburg was confirmed unanimously last year when he was named to the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

Ginsburg, who was born in Chicago, has not participated in any Jewish activities, according to Jewish sources here. He graduated from Cornell University and the University of Chicago Law School. He was a law clerk for Justice Thurgood Marshall.

An assistant professor and then professor at the Harvard Law School from 1975 to 1983, Ginsburg served the Reagan administration first as an official in the justice department's anti-trust division and then in the Office of Management and Budget. He returned to the justice department in 1985 as an assistant attorney-general in charge of the anti-trust division.

Ginsburg has specialized in anti-trust and economic regulations and has not written about civil rights and social issues, the areas which brought about the opposition to Bork. Reagan noted that while a conservative, Ginsburg has had the respect of liberals.

Before the announcement there had been sepculation that Reagan would name either a Jew or a woman to the court to blunt criticism from two of the major groups that had been opposed to the Bork nomination.

The first Jew named to the Supreme Court was Louis Brandeis, who served from 1916 to 1939. He was followed by Benjamin Cardozo, 1932-38; Felix Frankfurter, 1939-62; Arthur Goldberg, 1962-65, and Abe Fortas, 1965-69.

Goldberg resigned from the court when President Lyndon Johnson named him ambassador to the United Nations. Fortas resigned after charges of improper conduct. In 1968, Johnson sought to name Fortas as chief justice, but Senate conservatives blocked the confirmation until Johnson left office.

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NEW YORK (JTA) — American Jewish organizations have expressed keen satisfaction with the Senate's 58-42 vote against seating Judge Robert Bork on the United States Supreme Court.

Douglas Ginsburg

President Reagan's nominee was repudiated by 58 Democrats and six Republicans.

Henry Siegman, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, hailed the decision as "a victory for the constitution."

Ann Foss, vice-president of American affairs of Na'amat USA (formerly Pioneer Women), said her organization believes the Senate exercised its constitutional responsibility when it rejected Bork.

Siegman said it was clear after three weeks of exhaustive hearings by the Senate judiciary committee that Judge Bork "would have disabled the Supreme Court from interpreting the constitution to meet the changing needs of our ever-expanding democracy."

Defence attacks key documents

Demjanjuk trial resumes

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The trial of suspected war criminal John Demjanjuk resumed last week after a 2-month recess, with a determined effort by the defence to discredit a key document that could prove the 66-year-old, Ukrainian-born former automobile worker from Cleveland, Ohio is the brutal Treblinka death camp guard known as "Ivan the Terrible."

The defence, in fact, was in shambles when the trial adjourned last August. Demjanjuk fired his American attorney, Mark O'Connor, and hired an entirely new defence team after a succession of Treblinka survivors identified him as "Ivan." Even more damaging was the testimony of experts that an SS identification card bearing a photograph of Demjanjuk at about age 22 was authentic. The ID card was issued to Ukrainians and other prisoners of war who volunteered for guard duty at Treblinka.

The prosecution obtained the original card from Soviet authorities. The defence insists it is a KGB forgery. The first defence witness last week, Avraham Shifrin, an expert on the KGB, tried to convince the court of this. His testimony at points bordered on the bizarre.

Shifrin spoke at length about the so-called "supernatural" powers of the KGB. He said the Soviet secret service recruited witches, "even from Africa," to control people. They also controlled peoples' minds with cosmic rays, he charged.

He said he was convinced that the document incriminating Demjanjuk was forged and that once the trial is over and the suspect is convicted, the KGB will admit to the forgery, making Israel's legal system a laughing stock throughout the world.

The defence contends the KGB wanted to incriminate Demjanjuk as a measure against Ukrainian nationalism. Shifrin said it forged thousands of documents accusing Russians and Ukrainians of collaboration with the Germans during World War II. He said the KGB regularly sends Christmas cards to famous people and when a polite thank-you note is returned, the signature is filed for future forgery.

The prosecution is not buying Shifrin's testimony. State attorney Yona Blatman accused the witness of seeking a platform to dramatize his opposition to the Soviet regime and the KGB. The court overruled a prosecution objection but warned defence attorney Yoram Sheftel to ask only relevant questions. "Remember, it's not the Soviet system or the KGB that is on trial here," presiding Judge Dov Levin said.

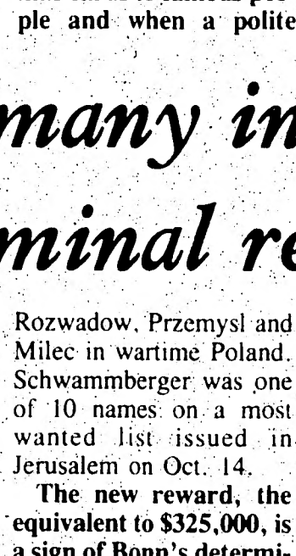
W. Germany increases war criminal reward

TORONTO — West Germany's Minister of Justice Hans Engelhard recently doubled the reward for information concerning an alleged war criminal who may be living in Canada under an assumed name.

The suspect, Josef Schwammberger, is wanted in connection with atrocities committed in Rozwadow, Przemysl and Milec in wartime Poland. Schwammberger was one of 10 names on a most wanted list issued in Jerusalem on Oct. 14.

The new reward, the equivalent to $325,000, is a sign of Bonn's determination to bring Nazi mass murderers to justice, said Frank Dimant, executive vice-president of B'nai B'rith Canada.

The increased reward is payable for information leading to Schwammberger's whereabouts or arrest. It no longer carries the condition that he be extradited to stand trial in West Germany.



Josef Schwammberger

Schwammberger, 76, was the gauleiter of the district of Rozwadow, Przemysl and Milec in Poland from 1942-44. He organized the deportation of the area's Jews to Auschwitz and personally murdered scores of people.

As commandant of Prezmysl he killed 50 Jews alone in an "aktion" on Sept. 3, 1943.

Following the war, Schwammberger may have sought refuge in Argentina. B'nai B'rith officials believe Schwammberger may now be living under an alias in Canada with members of his immediate family.

"Monsters in Canada like Schwammberger personify the rank and file evil of the Nazi regime," said David Matas, senior legal counsel for BB's League for Human Rights and co-author along with Susan Charendoff of *Justice Delayed: Nazi War Criminals in Canada.*

"I urge Justice Minister Ray Hnatyshyn to immediately launch prosecutions against the 20 war criminals cited by the Deschenes Commission (which investigated Nazis in Canada)," Matas said. "Should these perpetrators of genocide flee the country and escape justice again, it would be a grave embarrassment to Canada's legal system."

Anyone with information concerning Schwammberger's whereabouts is asked to contact Prosecutor Hoelschner in Stuttgart, Federal Republic of Germany.

The Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years, Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN. If you have any information relating to the origin and meaning of your surname, please pass it along to Fred M. Catzman, c/o The Canadian Jewish News, 10 Gateway Blvd., Suite 420, Don Mills, Ont. M3C 3A1.

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ALBIN

Isadore Don Albin of Chomedey, Laval, Que., has written to inquire about the origin of his surname. He was told by a family member that the name originated in Spain, although he wonders how they scattered to Russia, Poland, Latvia and Italy.

I am inclined to agree that the name is of Spanish origin. ALBO is Spanish for white (LABAN in Hebrew, WEISS in Yiddish, BIALY in Slavonic).

ALBI is a town in Southern France near the Spanish border. ALBUNOL is a Spanish town near Granada.

JOSEPH-ALBO was a 15th century philosopher and preacher who represented the Jewish community of Daroca, in the Province of Saragossa.

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Hebrew U to continue cost-saving measures

TORONTO —

Despite some expectations to the contrary, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem opened on schedule Oct. 25 and in full operation for a record number of students.

"The Hebrew University was the only Israeli university where employees voluntarily took a cut in salary," Shimon Arbel, national executive director of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University told The CJN. "Hebrew University is the second largest employer in Jerusalem, but it agreed to lay off 20% of its administrative staff — 450 people.

"Administrative layoffs will continue this year and the university will streamline and try to do more with less.

"In recognition of our strong commitment to cost-cutting and cost-saving measures, we were the only Israeli university to be given extra government funds to help us balance our budget."

The Hebrew University's budget is $120 million U.S. There is a student population of 31,000, of whom 18,000 are fulltime. Tuition this year is $1,800, a compromise reached between the students and the university, which had wanted to raise tuition to $2,500.

"Our recent problems, caused by drastic cuts in allocations from the Israeli government, were solved in large part by the excellent fund raising efforts of Friends organizations around the world," Arbel said.

"The university is continuing to develop and grow. We are a world leader in biotechnology. And Canadian Friends will soon be establishing at the university The Brian Y. Davidson Research Centre in Agribusiness, one of only three such centres in the world, the others being at Harvard and the London School of Economics."

Statement on national home 70 years old

Balfour Declaration thrilled Jewish world

Seventy years ago on Nov. 2, 1917, British wartime Foreign Secretary Lord Balfour wrote a letter to Lord Rothschild requesting that he inform the Zionist Federation that the government favored the establishment of a Jewish national home in Palestine and would work toward achieving that goal.

The message, which became known as the Balfour Declaration, galvanized the Jewish world and gave new strength to the challutzim and their supporters in their view that the 2,000 year old dream could be fulfilled. (At the time, Britain was about to conquer Palestine, then held by German ally Turkey).

The following, compiled from the Encyclopedia Judaica, tells of the Zionist struggle to obtain the historic policy statement from the British government.

Very early in the war, Chaim Weizmann, then a research chemist in Manchester and already a prominent figure in the World Zionist Movement, had begun what he described as a political reconnaissance. He became convinced that Britain and the Zionists were natural allies. In September 1914 he engaged the interest of C. P. Scott, the influential editor of the Manchester Guardian and a friend of Liberal leader David Lloyd George.

Through Scott, Weizmann was brought into contact with cabinet member Samuel in December, 1914 and discovered that Samuel's views were substantially identical with his own. In January, 1915 Samuel arranged for him to meet Lloyd George. Weizmann was further encouraged by receiving an assurance of sympathy with the Zionist cause from the ex-prime minister Balfour, on whom he had made a lasting impression at a meeting in 1906.

Weizmann's scientific gifts enabled him to render important services to the admiralty and the ministry of munitions; these brought him to the notice of Lloyd George, who became minister of munitions in the spring of 1915.

By the end of 1916 the combined efforts of Weizmann and Samuel, energetically seconded by Scott, resulted in the emergence in the inner circle of policy makers of an influential body of opinion favorably disposed to the idea of some link between Britain and the Zionists. The change of government in December 1916, with Lloyd George becoming prime minister and Balfour foreign secretary, and the decision taken about the same time in favor of a British invasion of Palestine, were factors that strongly favored the Zionists.

Lord Balfour with Chaim Weizmann

Lord Milner, an important member of Lloyd George's war cabinet, became a strong supporter of a pro-Zionist policy. Weizmann was introduced to Sir Mark Sykes at the end of January 1917. At a meeting with Zionist leaders immediately afterward (February 7, 1917, Sykes, one of the government's most influential advisors on Mideast affairs, opened the negotiations which were to lead to the Balfour Declaration.

Two months later the British government began to display an active interest in the idea of a Jewish national home or, as it was sometimes phrased, a Jewish commonwealth in Palestine, under British protection. They were actuated, apart from sentiment, by the idea that by expressing a strong desire for British control of Palestine, the Jews could in some measure strengthen the British case for abandoning the condominium over the Middle East projected in the Sykes-Picot Agreement with France and for substituting, instead, some form of British control.

To this was added, after the March revolution in Russia, the hope that an appeal to Zionist sentiment among the Russian Jews might win their sympathy to the Allied cause and thus help to stem the pacifist tide to sweep revolutionary Russia out of the war.

The influential body of Anglo-Jewish opinion represented by the Conjoint Foreign Committee, composed of representatives of the Board of Deputies of British Jews and the Anglo-Jewish Association, was strongly anti-Zionist. But when, in June 1917, an adverse vote at the Board of Deputies discredited the committee, the way was opened for invitation by Balfour to Weizmann to arrange for the drafting of a pro-Zionist declaration for consideration by the government, but not until early in September did the matter come before the war cabinet.

Because a pro-Zionist policy was vehemently opposed by Edwin Montagu, a Jewish member of the government, it was decided to delay a decision and in the meantime, to consult President Woodrow Wilson. The American reply was noncommittal, and the whole question was shelved. As a result, however, of Weizmann's personal appeal to Lloyd George, it was restored to the agenda and reconsidered early in October.

Once more the war cabinet temporized, deciding to consult Wilson again and also to invite the views of representative Jews, both Zionists and anti-Zionists. This time Wilson did not discourage the proposal. Influenced, it would seem, by the representations of the American Zionist leader, Louis Brandeis, he now agreed to the proposed declaration.

Though the war cabinet was thinking first and foremost of Russia, it also believed that a pro-Zionist pronouncement might have a good effect in the U.S., where a large section of the Jewish population was reported to be apathetic about the war. Last, there were rumors that the Germans were courting the Zionists and might come out first with a pro-Zionist declaration, if the British government failed to act promptly.

But though the decision to authorize the Declaration was reached on grounds of expediency, other motives and ideas were involved. Speaking in London in 1949, Field Marshall Jan Smuts, who had been a member of the war cabinet at the time of the Declaration, said that a powerful argument in its favor had been that "it would rally Jewry on a worldwide scale to the Allied cause." But, he continued, moral and religious motives reinforced the political considerations.

The Declaration was approved on April 24, 1920, at the Allies' conference at San Remo and incorporated in the Mandate on Palestine conferred upon Britain by the League of Nations on July 24, 1922. The struggle over its practical implementation lasted throughout the entire 30 years of British rule in Palestine.

Pay restitution, Arabs urged

WASHINGTON (JTA)—

Arab countries were urged last week to pay compensation to the estimated 850,000 Jews who were forced to leave their homes and other assets in Arab countries after the establishment of the State of Israel.

A resolution making this demand was adopted by some 300 delegates from North and South America, Europe and Israel as they ended the 3-day 3rd international conference of the World Organization of Jews from Arab Countries (WOJAC) here.

WOJAC also called on the Arab governments, "especially Iraq, Syria and Yemen," to "cease the exploitation of the Arab refugee problem for political purposes." The Arab countries should "absorb and resettle their neglected brothers, just as Israel integrated the majority of Jewish refugees from Arab countries," the WOJAC resolution said.

Israel Foreign Minister Shimon Peres told the Knesset that Israel will seek compensation for Jewish property abandoned in the Arab countries at the proper time. He spoke during a Knesset debate timed to coincide with the WOJAC conference.

Speakers at the conference emphasized that the issue of Jewish refugees from Arab countries had not received world attention because the refugees were welcomed into Israel and are now an integral part of that society.

It was also stressed that there were more Jews who were forced to leave Arab countries than Palestinian Arabs who left Israel, and their property, which was frozen, abandoned or expropriated, far exceeds the value of the property left by Palestinian Arabs.

The WOJAC delegates also said this property should be returned in a restored and repaired state, including religious and cultural assets that were confiscated.

The Jewish Quiz

QUESTIONS:

(1) Who was the first major Jewish philosopher?

(2) What term is used to designate a person who is ignorant of traditional Jewish literature?

(3) What term is used to describe the spread of ancient Greek culture and customs to non-Greek people?

Edmond Y. Lipsitz

ANSWERS:

(1) Philo of Alexandria (20 BCE).

(2) Am Haaretz.

(3) Hellenization.

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These questions and answers came from the book 6400 Questions About Judaism and the Jewish People by Edmond Y. Lipsitz, published by JESL Educational Products, Downsview. Dr. Lipsitz would be pleased to receive your comments, or to consider your own Jewish quiz questions for inclusion in future columns. Write to him, c/o Canadian Jewish News.

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World-National

Government aid cut, drop in philanthropy

U.S. economic troubles prompt Israeli fears

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

JERUSALEM — The Wall Street collapse has aroused no less anxiety in Tel Aviv than in New York, and for good reason.

Over and above the fact that many Israelis own American stock (bought in defiance of local currency regulations), the country's wellbeing is clearly dependent on the vigor of the U.S. economy. Now, with that economy in very serious trouble, Israel is bound to suffer.

On the governmental level, a substantial cut in U.S. aid is a near certainty as part of an effort to reduce America's enormous balance of payments deficit. This will have particularly severe consequences for the Israeli military, which buys a significant part of its hardware with U.S. aid dollars. Such a prospect, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin says, offers further, post-facto justification for the decision to axe the costly Lavi project.

Probably even worse off are the innumerable Israeli institutions that are dependent on philanthropic dollars for anywhere from a quarter to three-quarters of their operating budgets. North American donors who have seen their own assets plummet in value will be loath to part with their remaining funds to support Israeli hospitals, museums, universities, yeshivas and slum clearance projects, no matter how devoted they may be to their favorite Israeli causes.

Among the individuals likely to be hard hit are the many thousands of U.S. pensioners now living in Israel. They will undoubtedly continue to receive their social security payments, but much-needed supplementary income from their personal savings — invested, for the most part, in supposedly solid stocks — will go way down.

Local companies are also fearful of future developments. Export industries, many of which have prospered as a result of the Free Trade Agreement between Israel and the U.S., will almost certainly see their overseas sales shrink at the very time that their overseas debts, now bearing higher interest rates, become more oppressive. Tourism, always linked to overseas prosperity, will likewise be adversely affected.

Events of the past weeks have prompted many Israelis to recall a story attributed to Levi Eshkol, Israel's third Prime Minister and a man noted for his wry sense of humor. Once, the tale goes, an aide rushed in to Eshkol with gloomy tidings about a "disastrous drought."

"Where is the drought?" the Prime Minister asked with obvious concern.

"In the Negev," his somber-faced aids replied.

When Eshkol heard that, his face lit up and he sighed with relief. "That's OK. I was afraid it was in Kansas."

Well this time the drought is in Kansas!

American Jewish lobbyists in Washington, wary of possible cuts in this year's economic and military aid package to Israel, are anxiously monitoring President Reagan's budget-cutting negotiations with Congress.

If those talks should collapse without an agreement, the mandatory "sequestering" provisions of the Gramm-Rudman law will have to be imposed.

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has calculated that Israel would stand to lose $146 million of its pending $3 billion economic and military aid package if that kind of across-the-board budget cut is executed. The administration's Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has come up with a potential $140 million loss for Israel.

"Sequestering," an Israeli embassy official said, "would force Israel to take its lumps together with everybody else."

The delicacy of the situation was reflected in a flurry of attacks and counter-attacks among high-ranking officials in Jerusalem.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said that Israelis who could not or would not keep mum about the stock exchange slump in the United States were "ignorant, ridiculous, coarse, unethical and harming Israel's national interests."

Shamir used this uncharacteristically blistering language in the Knesset foreign affairs and defence committee to describe the authors of comments about the Wall Street tremors, and their implications for the two countries and their relationship.

The Premier's broadside reinforced the message which emerged from last week's cabinet session, when he and Finance Minister Moshe Nissim urged their colleagues and everyone else to "hold their tongues," with a very plain hint that the U.S. administration had urged Jerusalem to skirt the subject.

Nevertheless, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said that Israel has "a written commitment from the American government that aid to Israel will not be cut in the next two years. This is part of the summary from the Lavi project's cancellation," he said.

Peres even gave advice to the Americans. He said that the major problem was not the collapse in share prices, but the general state of the U.S. economy.

If the Americans do not take "real measures" soon, what seems like a temporary illness will turn into a serious disease. "We have faced a similar situation," he said, "and this is not something you can solve with words and whispers."

Chirac tells Israel honor Arabs' rights

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — French Premier Jacques Chirac said Sunday it was incumbent on Israel, as it came to maturity in its 40th anniversary year, to understand and respect the rights of the other peoples in the region.

At the festive dinner in his honor in the Knesset's Chagall Hall, Chirac said: "Israel would not be Israel, if it did not recognize the rights of others to choose their own destiny."

While there was no question that the existence and the security of Israel must be guaranteed, the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination must be both recognized and exercised.

The way of attaining that objective is a matter of debate, he conceded, but the basic condition for its attainment must be mutual acceptance and the pursuit of a dialogue.

Chirac said that he would not intervene in the domestic debate in Israel over the international conference, as opposed to direct negotiations, but he nevertheless dwelt on the advantages of the international conference. He said that with an international conference, the powers responsible for assuring that an arrangement was reached would also ensure that it was implemented.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said in his speech that if there were any sphere in which the powers could play a productive role, it was by making the conditions for a peace dialogue possible. "The powers can reject all compromise with intransigence and extremism," Shamir declared.

He said that those who approach the Israel-Arab conflict, without putting it in its real context of a democratic Israel located within a strife-torn region, where countries professing the same religion were locked in merciless combat, are running the risk of falling into error.

Those who do so, he warned, also risk losing perspective and confusing their priorities.

He suggested that the powers — implicitly including France — could contribute to the Middle East peace process by prodding the Arab states towards direct negotiations with Israel.

Before the dinner began, Chirac went out of his way to praise Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek as "the best mayor in the world." His fulsome words to Shamir as he shook Kollek's hands, stood out sharply against the French refusal to call on Kollek at City Hall, lest this offend France's Arab friends.

Haifa University honors Ullman

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Norwegian film star Liv Ullman was awarded an honorary PhD by Haifa University last week, her seventh honorary doctorate.

Ullman pledged that "for as long as I shall earn money," she would finance the education of an Arab student at Haifa University, and her husband Donald Saunders, who is Jewish, would finance that of a Jewish student.

Ullman dedicated the PhD to the memory of Pavel Friedman, an 11-year-old Jewish boy murdered by the Nazis at Auschwitz. Two years previously, in the Theresienstadt ghetto, he wrote a poem about a yellow butterfly which survived him.

The award-winning actress said she often read the poem at fund raising events.

Ullman, who portrayed Soviet Jewish activist Ida Nudel in a recent film, met with Nudel, who arrived in Israel recently. She said Nudel had asked her, in her public appearances, to alert the world to the dangers of a new phenomenon in the Soviet Union — the officially sanctioned existence of a far right-wing, pro-monarchist, anti-semitic organization known as Pamyat.

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Package termed unacceptable

Fund raisers turn down Jewish Agency deal

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American fund raisers over the exclusion of Likud from the slate of officers.

But the package deal was unacceptable to the "Committee of 12," a high-level body of Jewish Agency fund raisers who voted against Lewinsky and the other members of his proposed slate.

"We were presented with a package deal and that package we turned down," Kaplan said at a news conference shortly after his election.

As chairman of the world board of trustees of Keren Hayesod, which handles fund raising outside the United States, Kaplan had been known as a supporter of Lewinsky. But he apparently voted against him at the Committee of 12 meeting.

Close associates of Lewinsky noted that the fund raisers can still change their minds at the Zionist Congress. Sources in the fund raisers' camp said, however, that their opposition to Lewinsky was firm and that Labor had been warned not to submit him as a candidate.

A kibbutz member and former managing director of Bank Hapoalim, Lewinsky is seen by many U.S. philanthropists as too much a part of the system they hope to reform. One of his leading opponents was Jerold Hoffberger of Baltimore, chairman of the Jewish Agency board of governors for the past four years, whom Kaplan will succeed.

Observers here believe Lewinsky would have been turned down even if his candidacy had been presented separately from that of the other candidates on the slate, because of a power struggle within the Jewish Agency.

Lewinsky would replace the outgoing WZO-Jewish Agency chairman, Leon (Arye) Dulzin of the Liberal wing of Likud. Yehiel Leket, chairman of the Labor Zionist movement, has accused Dulzin of "dirty tricks." He said Dulzin had submitted the names of Labor's candidates for review although he had no authority to do so.

Dulzin denied the charges.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, leader of the Labor Party, was reportedly stunned by the veto of Lewinsky. He is said to have personally contacted the heads of the fund raising organizations to ensure their backing for Lewinsky.

Haaretz reported that Labor has begun seeking alternative candidates. One name mentioned was Gad Yaacobi, the minister of economic coordination in the Labor-Likud coalition Cabinet. But Labor Party sources said it was too early to give up the battle.

Likud has not yet put up a candidate to challenge Lewinsky and he still could be elected by acclamation at the Zionist Congress — only to be vetoed again later by the Diaspora philanthropists.

The candidacy of Kaplan to chair the board of governors was also controversial in its initial stages, largely because he is a South African. The board chairmanship has been in American hands since the board of governors was founded in 1971 to reconstitute the Jewish Agency.

Dulzin himself said in a recent interview that "American Jewry is the largest community in the Diaspora and it's important that the chairman's job go to an American."

Peres was reportedly concerned about the diplomatic implications for Israel if a South African is elected to an important, highly visible post in Jewish philanthropies. Nevertheless, Kaplan was selected by the 8-member nominating committee — five of them American philanthropists and the others from Australia, Canada and France.

American philanthropic leaders, questioned about the choice, echoed the view of nominating committee member Henry Taub of New Jersey, chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, who called Kaplan "a liberal in the Jewish tradition" who has "at great risk expressed his well-documented opposition to apartheid."

Kaplan told reporters, after his election, that he would make his main office in Jerusalem and spend six months a year at his Jerusalem home. He said this is because Jerusalem is the centre of the Jewish people, because two of his children live here and because his mother once told him that, as a Jew, he should live in Israel.

The Jewish Agency is the central link in relations between Israel and the Diaspora. If the Jewish Agency treats itself with dignity, others will do so, he said.

Citizenship law questioned

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ceremonies at its head office in Montreal.

"I shared that with him and I suggested that going back to the five years (residency requirement) would undermine his whole approach to multiculturalism."

"People who come from refugee situations covet and are even moved to tears in terms of becoming a Canadian," Abrams said.

"To extend that for two years longer, I felt, was not appropriate at this time and not needed."

Abrams said he also told Crombie landed immigrants lack certain rights possessed by Canadian citizens, such as pension benefits.

The agency, founded in 1921, serves hundreds of Jewish immigrants and refugees arriving annually from all over the world. This year about 1,000 new arrivals will use its services.

Abrams said the minister "seemed very favorably charged" with his representations and indicated he would inform his staff of the views.

"I honestly got the impression that they will not go back to five years. Most countries such as Australia do hold a 3-year (residency) tenure for citizenship and the minister recognized that fact during the course of the discussion."

Abrams said he will continue working with the Canadian Citizenship Council and the Montreal Citizenship Council, making their concerns known on the Citizenship Act's proposed changes.

The citizenship legislation is currently only in a preliminary discussion stage. It could be tabled in the House for first reading before the December holiday break.

Lawyers seek terrorist retrials

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Lawyers representing dozens of convicted terrorists plan to ask for retrials following the presentation last week of a report by a judicial commission of inquiry which found that the Shin Bet (General Security Service) systematically committed perjury for the past 16 years.

The commission, headed by former Supreme Court president Moshe Landau, examined the Shin Bet's interrogation methods and found that since 1971 the service had on numerous occasions lied to the courts in connection with the methods with which confessions were extracted from suspects.

It decided, however, to "draw a line" over the past and to recommend that none of those responsible or involved be put on trial. The commission repeatedly praised the Shin Bet's efforts and success in fighting terrorism.

The commission sanctioned the use of physical pressure in interrogation, the extent of which is specified in a secret report presented to the Prime Minister.

Senior legal sources expressed apprehension that the commission's report might lead to an avalanche of requests for retrials by security prisoners both in Israel and the territories.

Several attorneys who have represented convicted terrorists said that they would immediately contact their former clients and propose that they file for a retrial.

Civil rights attorney Avigdor Feldman said that many of his clients had complained of ill-treatment by Shin Bet interrogators but that their claims had been rejected by the courts which had chosen to believe the Shin Bet.

He said that in light of the findings of the report, his former clients could now legitimately press for a retrial.

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VISIT WITH SOLDIERS

Rose Nepom, a resident of Baycrest Terrace and a staunch supporter of the Toronto Branch of The Association for the Soldiers of Israel, visited with the soldiers on a recent trip to Israel.

Thursday, Nov. 5

ISRAEL TOUR INFORMATION NIGHT

Information night for the Jewish Community Centre intercity singles tour of Israel is set for Thursday, Nov. 5, at 8 p.m. at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St.

For information, contact **Sarah Casse** at 924-6211.

Friday, Nov. 6

COTLER TO SPEAK

The 1987 Harry Crowe Memorial Lecture Series Committee, in conjunction with the division of social sciences, faculty of arts, York University, invites you to hear **Prof. Irwin Cotler**, faculty of law, McGill University, who will receive an honorary degree from York University's faculty of arts, on Friday, Nov. 6, at noon in the Senate Chambers, Room S 915, 9th floor, Ross Building, York University, 4700 Keele St.

The topic will be Bringing War Criminals to Justice: The Emerging Mythology. A reception will follow in Room N 936, 8th floor, Ross Building.

Saturday, Nov. 7

ANNUAL FUN AUCTION

The Queen City Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women, annual fun auction is set for Saturday, Nov. 7, beginning at 8 p.m., at the Workmen's Circle, 471 Lawrence Ave. W. (just east of Bathurst).

Merchandise as well as dinners and weekends will be auctioned and refreshments will be served. There will be door prizes too! Couvert is $3.

20TH ANNIVERSARY AUCTION

Forestdale Heights Lodge, B,nai B'rith, is holding its 20th anniversary auction on Saturday, Nov. 7, at Northview Heights Secondary School (Bathurst and Finch). There will be a wide variety of items up for bids including jewelry, tools and homeware, electronic items, weekend trips and dinners.

The preview is at 7 p.m., followed by the auction at 7.30. Tickets are $2 and can be obtained at the door or by calling 665-4053.

Sunday, Nov. 8

REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE

The Toronto Post of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada is holding its annual Remembrance Day parade and service on Sunday, Nov. 8.

The assembly time is 9.30 a.m. at the southwest corner of Glencairn and Bathurst with the march off promptly at 10. The salute on the march past will be taken by a high ranking officer. The dress code is JWV uniform or lounge suits, medals or ribbons and head covering.

The parade route will follow north on Bathurst St. to Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue where the service will take place at 11 a.m. During the service a special tribute will be paid to **Tibor Almasy**, as a Righteous Gentile. Mr. Almasy saved hundreds of Jewish lives during the Holocaust in Hungary. He and his wife will attend the service.

THE ENEMY AMONG US

Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood invites both men and women to come as guests for breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 8, at the synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave., to hear **Sol Littman** speak on The Enemy Among Us.

Davening is at 9 a.m., breakfast at 9.30.

SOMETHING FUR YOU

You'll find lots of bargains at Baycrest Centre Women's Auxiliary's fourth annual Something Fur You and Cloth Coats Too sale taking place on Sunday, Nov. 8, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave.

All proceeds will be going to Alzheimer's programs at Baycrest. Last year the sale raised $40,000 for the programs and the committee expects to surpass that this year. So come out and help them.

BETH TORAH BROTHERHOOD

Beth Torah Brotherhood's next breakfast meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 8, with guest speaker podiatrist **Dr. Alan Frankel** who will talk on Podiatric Medicine and Common Foot Problems.

Services are at 9 a.m., breakfast at 9.30. Wives, relatives and friends are most welcome.

YIDDISH CULTURE COUNCIL

On Sunday, Nov. 8, the Yiddish Culture Council is presenting **Brad Saben Hill**, curator of the Hebraic section of the National Library of Canada, in a lecture entitled A Century of Jewish Printing in Canada.

The time is 8.30 p.m. at the Workmen's Circle Hall, 471 Lawrence Ave. W. Everyone is welcome.

BETH SHOLOM BROTHERHOOD

At the Beth Sholom Brotherhood Tefillin and Breakfast Club meeting on Sunday, Nov. 8, brotherhood vice-president **Alex Serota**, recently returned from leading a brotherhood tour to Israel, will speak on Israel - Its Present Position in the Mideast Cauldron.

Services are at 9.30 a.m., breakfast at 10 and the speaker at 10.30.

TOTAL LIVING MEETING

Total Living is having a meeting on Sunday, Nov. 8, at 8 p.m. at Earl Bales Community Centre (Bathurst and Sheppard). The guest speaker will be **Eleanor Miller** of Jewish Family & Child Service. Her topic will be Friendship, Dating and Mating in the Jewish Community.

Refreshments will be served. The cost is $2 members, $3 non-members. Membership dues for 1987-88 are now due.

ENTERTAINMENT & CULTURE

On Sunday, Nov. 8, the Entertainment and Culture Connection of Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue is presenting **Dr. Morton Silverberg** in a talk on Working With One Foot in Israel and One Foot in Canada — Something Different When It Comes to Enjoing Life.

Everyone, all ages, are invited for coffee, cake and conversation. There will be special singles tables for singles 21-39 years and singles 39 plus.

The time is 8 p.m. in the Sisterhood Hall of the synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. There is no charge for members, Guests pay $2. Coordinators are **Sandra and Jerry Genesove**.

GIANT INDOOR GARAGE SALE

A giant indoor garage sale is being sponsored by Council 17 Branch, National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section, on Sunday, Nov. 8, from 9 a.m. to noon at 4700 Bathurst St. There will be lots of good buys in good used clothing, books, household items and such.

Monday, Nov. 9

DEALING WITH THE AGED

Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 30080 Bayview Ave., invites the community to attend a lecture by **Dr. David Silver** on Our Jewish Parents — Dealing With the Aged on Monday, Nov. 9, from 9-10 p.m. Dr. Silver is a psychiatrist specializing in geriatrics at Sunnybrook Hospital.

This lecture is part of a continuing series on The Jewish Family: Easing the Transition offered on alternate Monday evenings at the synagogue.

DAUGHTERS OF ZION

Beth Sholom Adult Education and Sisterhood is sponsoring a 3-part seminar on Daughters of Zion: Woman and Her Role as Wife, Mother, Daughter, Sister, a depiction of biblical women and the roles they played in ancient Israel. The lecturer is well-known educator **Selma Sage**.

The series will run on three consecutive Mondays, Nov. 9, 16 and 23, at 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W.

SURROGATE MOTHERHOOD

Surrogate Motherhood — Should We Encourage It? is the topic of the fourth lecture in the Dialogues on Sex series presented by Holy Blossom Temple on Monday, Nov. 9. The ethical, psychological and religious problems will be explored by **Prof. Bernard Dickens**.

The time is 8 p.m. at the temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

Tuesday, Nov. 10

IRVING LAYTON TO SPEAK

Canadian poet **Irving Layton** will read and discuss his new book, Fortunate Exile, on Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 8 p.m. in the Philip Smith Hall, Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

Books will be available for purchase and signed by Mr. Layton. This evening is co-sponsored by the sisterhood and the department of Jewish living.

ANTIQUE SALE

A sale of a fine collection of antique silver, furniture and jewelry at dealers' prices, is being sponsored by Israeli Chapter of Hadassah-WIZO in cooperation with Donald Bethune, on Tuesday, Nov. 10, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. in Room 420-421 of the Four Seasons Hotel.

For information, call 487-2705 or 481-2317.

SINGERS FOR SISTERHOOD

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood invites all paid-up sisterhood members to an enjoyable evening with the York Minstrel Singers, an award-winning community theatre group, on Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Admission is by paid-up sisterhood membership.

TZAFON CHAPTER NA'AMAT

Tzafon Chapter Na'amat invites all young Jewish women in the Richmond Hill area to attend the next meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 8 p.m. An interesting program is planned.

For details, call 636-5425 or 737-1492.

JSF ISRAEL SERIES

The Jewish Student Federation, York University, Israel Action Committee's series continues on Tuesday, Nov. 10, with Current Status of the Occupied Territories. It takes place at 7.30 p.m. at York University, S 416 Ross.

SHAAREI TEFILLAH INSTITUTE

The Shaarei Tefillah Congregation Institute, conducted by **Rabbi Moshe Stern**, runs on Tuesday evenings at 8, beginning Nov. 10 with The Morality of Abortion. Refreshments are served and there is no charge.

Every Shabbat Rabbi Stern conducts a Talmud class at 8 a.m., one hour before morning services (no prior talmudic knowledge is necessary) and a class discussion on the weekly Torah reading in the afternoon, one hour before mincha. Everyone is invited.

The ladies study class with Rabbi Stern meets on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. The Rambam class follows the Sunday morning services.

BOUTIQUE LES AMIES

Les Amies Chapter, National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section, is holding its 2nd annual fund raiser, Les Amies Boutique, on Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 7.30 p.m. at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St.

Over 20 of Toronto's trendiest stores and businesses will be presenting merchandise for sale under one roof — hand-painted sweat shirts, children's wear and books, costume jewelry, accessories, leg warmers, cosmetics — with many items offered at discount prices.

The admission of $4 includes refreshments. Tickets may be obtained at the door.

Wednesday, Nov. 11

POMEGRANATE GUILD

The Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlework, Toronto, is committed to encourage and inspire the creation, documentation and preservation of authentic Jewish fabric artifacts used in connection with Jewish ceremonies and life cycle events.

The next meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 11, will be a banner workshop with **Judy Dan** and **Renee Goorvich** instructing members on a Pomegranate design banner. Bring your own needles, scissors and pins. Any remnants of materials and/or yarns (scarlet, beige, blue, purple) would be appreciated.

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New members are invited to join and participate. Membership is $25 annually. Non-members are welcome for a nominal fee of $2. Coffee is served. Meetings are held at 8 p.m. at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

For information, call **Faigy Grossman** at 656-5680 or **Karen Sanders** at 445-5250.

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONIES

The City of York will be hosting Remembrance Day ceremonies in cooperation with its local veterans organizations on Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m. at the Municipal Building, 2700 Eglinton Ave. W.

All York residents and businesses are invited to participate.

Thursday, Nov. 12

HEBREW U WANTS YOU!

Tired of the long winters? Then, Hebrew University wants you!

Various programs are offered — 1-year programs, summer courses, full degree programs, summer Hebrew courses. To hear all about it, come to York University on Thursday, Nov. 12, Room 203 Bethune, at 7.30 p.m. Experience Hebrew University and make next year in Jerusalem a reality.

The meeting is sponsored by the Jewish Student Federation (736-5178) and Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University (789-2633).

VOLUNTEERS FOR ISRAEL

General Aharon Davidi, creator of Volunteers for Israel, an Israeli-based organization sending volunteers, ages 17-65, to serve for 23 days on army bases or hospitals in Israel, will be speaking on Thursday, Nov. 12, at 8.30 p.m. at the Zionist Centre, Jerusalem Hall, 788 Marlee Ave.

The public is invited to attend this very interesting and informative evening. Discover how you can serve Israel in a different and most rewarding manner.

For information, call Volunteers for Israel at 781-6089.

CURRENT EVENTS

At the Holy Blossom Temple Brotherhood/Sisterhood dinner meeting on Thursday, Nov. 12, the guest speaker will be **Erika Biro**, an expert on current affairs. The dinner is at 6.30 p.m., the speaker at 8.

The cost for dinner and speaker for brotherhood and sisterhood members is $13. For non-members it is $18.

For the speaker only it is $5 members, $8 non-members.

For further information, call **Lynda** at 486-8384.

NA'AMAT'S NEWEST CHAPTER

Come to a fun evening of information, socializing and world travel on Thursday, Nov. 12, when Na'amat's newest chapter for young women will be holding a program entitled Flying High With Na'amat, at the home of **Malca Reznick**, 53 Mabley Cres., Thornhill.

For further information, call Malca Reznick at 738-9864 (evenings) or **Susan Wilks** at 738-8953.

CHAVURAT HAMASORET

Chavurat Hamasoret, an informal studies program designed for young adults, ages 18-25, meets on Thursday evenings at Adath Israel Synagogue.

At 7.30 p.m. there is a Torah study class with **Sholom Eisenstat** followed, at 8.45, by a discussion of interesting topics. On Thursday, Nov. 12, **Rabbi Wayne Allen** of Beth Tikvah Synagogue will talk on Conservative Judaism — Tradition or Change?

For information, call **Jonathan Shiff** at 789-2193.

ONTARIO LUPUS ASSOCIATION

The Ontario Lupus Association Coping/Support Group meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at 7.30 p.m. at the association office, 250 Bloor St. E., Suite 401. The next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 12.

For information, call 967-1414.

And What Else Is New...

HOLOCAUST EDUCATION WEEK

This week's line-up of events marking Holocaust Education Week includes —

Friday, Nov. 6 — Dark Lullabies, a National Film Board film exploring the impact of the Holocaust on Jews and Germans born after World War II at 7.30 p.m. at Beach Hebrew Institute, 109 Kenilworth Ave.

Sunday, Nov. 8 — From Shylock to the Holocaust: A Portrait of the Jew in Controversial Literature with **Bernie Farber**, director of research, Canadian Jewish Congress, at 10 a.m. at Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave...Film day at North York Board of Education Assembly Hall, 5050 Yonge St., offering The Man Who Hid Anne Frank with commentary by producer/director **Harry Rasky** and opening remarks by **Mae Waese** at 2 p.m. and The Boat is Full with commentary by **Prof. Arthur Kruger** at 7.30 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 9 — The Holocaust Through Literature: A Comparative Look with **Prof. Elaine Newton** at 8 p.m. at Temple Har Zion, 7360 Bayview Ave., Thornhill...The Riot at Christie Pits with co-authors **Prof. William Saffir** and **Prof. Cyril Levitt**, McMaster University sociology department, discussing events relating to the summer of 1933 at 8 p.m. at Beth Torah Synagogue, 47 Glenbrooke Ave.

Tuesday, Nov. 10 — A View From the Forest, photographs and personal recollections with **Faye Shulman**, partisan, author and photographer, at 8 p.m. at Pride of Israel Temple, 59 Lissom Cres...Holocaust Heroism in Song and Poetry with **Cantor Louis Danto, Hindy Nosik-Abelson, Charles Heller** and the Zemer Chorale at 8 p.m. at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St...From Out of the Depths, and audio-visual documentary of the Holocaust: reflections by **Susan Posner**, regional administrator, United Synagogue of America, Ontario Region, at 8 p.m. at the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St.

Wednesday, Nov. 11 — The Second Generation, Coming to Terms with the film Dark Lullabies and commentary by educator **Esther Rosenfeld**, at 8 p.m. at Beth Avraham Yoseph, 31 Bevshire Circle, Thornhill...The Courage to Care: An Evening Honoring the Righteous when non-Jews who saved Jews will be honored, at 8 p.m. at Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave...Remembrance and Forgiveness focusing on how we can remember the martyrs, punish the criminals and live purposefully in the non-Jewish world with **Rabbi Anthony Bayfield**, director, Steinberg Centre for Judaism, London, England, at 8 p.m. at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

Thursday, Nov. 12 — Moral Neutrality or a Commitment to Justice: Canada and the Nazi War Criminal Issue dealing with government attitudes, the Deschenes Commission and the Waldheim affair with **Manuel Prutschi**, national director, community relations, Canadian Jewish Congress, at 8 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave...Holocaust and Hope: A Visual Presentation with **Alan Shefman**, director, League of Hunan Rights, B'nai B'rith, and secondary school teachers speaking about their recent visit to concentration camps at 8 p.m. at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd.

ART EXHIBIT AND SALE

The 20th annual art exhibit and sale presented by Beth Tikvah Sisterhood begins this year on Saturday, Nov. 8, with a preview and cocktail party and continues from 11 a.m. Sunday, the 8th, at the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave.

The show is a multi-media exhibit featuring over 200 Canadian and international artists.

Admission on Saturday evening is $12 per person and includes a hot buffet.

A special feature on Sunday is the Anniversary Auction. The preview is from 2-3 p.m. with the bidding starting at 3. Admission all day Sunday is $3.

Part of the proceeds will be directed to the Alzheimer Association of Ontario.

LIFE SKILLS FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Learn to be more comfortable with others and improve social skills through a group discussion of 10 sessions offered through the Family Life Education department of Jewish Family & Child Service.

This is an opportunity to learn how to build closer relationships, start conversations and handle put-downs and criticisms.

Sessions begin Wednesday, Nov. 18, from 7.30-9 p.m. at the Lipa Green Building, 6th floor, 4600 Bathurst St. The cost is $20 for 10 sessions (scholarships available).

For more information, call **Shawna** at 638-7800.

LUNCH AND LEARN

Beth Sholom Synagogue's Adult Education is presenting Lunch and Learn with **Prof. Arnold Ages** on Saturday, Nov. 14.

The Shabbat morning sermon, Emil Fackenheim: A Modern Vision of Judaism, will be followed by a dialogue on the sermon at the Shabbat luncheon.

The cost for the luncheon is $10 and reservations must be made by Wednesday, Nov. 11. Call 783-6103.

REFUSENIK TO SPEAK AT HBT

Boris Klotz, a Refusenik adopted by Holy Blossom Temple, recently released and now living in Israel, will be speaking at the temple, 1950 Bathurst St., on Friday, Nov. 13. Services begin at 8.30 p.m.

ORT AWARDS DINNER

Toronto Women's ORT opened the new year with its annual Awards Dinner held at the Skyline Triumph Hotel recently. Head table guests were, (from left) Sandy Berkal, regional fund raising chairman; Marilyn Somers, president of Toronto Women's ORT; J.B. Salsberg, guest speaker; Harriet Morton, national president of Women's Canadian ORT, who made the awards presentations, and Sally Waldman, regional vice-president. [Mike Markowich photo]

HAMILTON'S SHALOM VILLAGE

Here's a list of Shalom Village Retirement Home special events taking place the last two weeks of November —

Saturday, Nov. 14 — Shabbat program with B'nai B'rith Youth at 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 17 — Mohawk College music students will entertain at 7.30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 19 — The Ancaster Annettes, a barbershop choir, at 2 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 22 — The Burlington Suzuki School of Music, flutes and violin, under the direction of **Charlotte Price**.

Thursday, Nov. 26 — The Wentworth Ukelele Club, a seniors band, will entertain with singalong music at 7.30 p.m.

The Shalom Village is located at 70 Macklin St. N., in Hamilton. The phone number is 528-5377.

MONTE CARLO AND AUCTION

A Monte Carlo and Auction Gala Evening, with a casino and a lottery for a trip for two to the Caribbean, is set for Saturday, Nov. 14, from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Thornhill Community Centre, 7755 Bayview Ave. (at John St.). Refreshments will be available.

The $5 admission includes the lottery ticket. Proceeds will go to the York Central Association for the Mentally Retarded.

COUPLES BOWLING LEAGUE

If you're newly married (or will be soon) and looking for a great way to meet new people, why not join Couples Bowling Club. This Jewish bowling league for married couples between the ages of 20 and 40 has started its first season and is looking for new bowlers. The next bowling date is Nov. 7.

For further information, call 221-9641 after 6 p.m.

FANTASTIC BOOK SALE

Baycrest Centre Gift Shop, 3560 Bathurst St., is having a Fantastic Book Sale on Thursday, Nov. 5, from 11.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. and on Friday, Nov. 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is a chance to pick up hardcover and softcover books at 35¢ to $2.

CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW COURSES

The Keren Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies, located at 788 Marlee Ave., announces that registration is now open for winter courses in conversational Hebrew for beginners, intermediate and advanced (for adults and teenagers). The course will commence Jan. 12 and will run to April 19. Classes are conducted under the guidance of Israeli teachers.

For consultation and registration, call **Joseph Klinger** at 787-0197.

BOOK REVIEW

A review and discussion of the novel, The Assault, by **Harry Mulisch**, will be conducted by **Heather Kassel** on Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 1.15 p.m. at Holy Blossom Temple. It is sponsored by the sisterhood.

For further information, contact **Lynda** at 486-8384.

Babysitting will be provided upon request at a cost of $3 per child. Call **Olivia** at the temple at 789-3291.

TO RESTORE AN OLD SYNAGOGUE

For some time, **Jeff Philips**, a general contractor, has been interested in restoring the old downtown synagogue, Congretaion Shaarei Zedeck, located at 397 Markham St. (at Ulster), and he could use some help. If you are interested, you can call him at 633-8476.

Dr. Joe Greenberg is the president of the congregation.

90 YEARS YOUNG

When is 90 years old really 90 years young? The answer is when **Hortense Geldzaeler** celebrated her 90th birthday on Nov. 4. A native New Yorker, she came to Toronto when she married **Ben Geldzaeler** in 1919.

A talented pianist and singer, she left a profession career behind her and once in Toronto became involved in Holy Blossom Temple, actively service in various capacities for more than 60 years — president and honorary president of the sisterhood, a founder of the Alumni and most recently, a warden of the temple.

The milestone birthday was celebrated at a family dinner.

JSF EVENTS

Events arranged for this coming week for Jewish Student Federation of York Uniiversity include —

Monday, Nov. 9 — Jap, Jappy, Jappiness, with **Aivia Cantor**, editor of Lilith magazine, at 3 p.m. at McLaughlin Senior Common Room.

Wednesday, Nov. 11 — **Amos Gilboa** will talk on What Can Tel Aviv University Do For You at noon at the JSF premises.

Thursday, Nov. 12 — Hebrew University in-

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formation night at 7.30 p.m. in Room 203 Bethune.

For information, call **Rayzel** or **Shari** at 736-5178.

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

There is a co-ed volleyball game on Tuesday evenings at Pineway Public School, 110 Pineway Blvd. If you are interested in joining the teams, call 883-3948 or 221-6280.

VOLUNTEER PERFORMERS NEEDED

Are you a closet performer looking for an appreciative audience? If so, the patients at Baycrest Hospital need you! A variety of performers, amateur or professional, are urgently required to volunteer one hour of their time on Wednesday evenings to entertain hospital patients.

For more information, contact **Joy Mason** at 789-5131, ext. 2306.

OUR BIBLICAL HERITAGE

Selma Sage, community educator program and training consultant, is presenting three lecture-discussion series on Our Biblical Heritage.

Course I, Daughters of Zion, runs Wednesday afternoons from 1.30-3 through to Dec. 16. Course II, Lawgivers, Prophets, Psalmist & Sage, is given Thursday afternoons from 1.30-3 through to Dec. 17 and Course III, The Biblical Bridge to Modern Zionism, is conducted on Thursday mornings from 10-11.30 through to Dec. 17.

All courses are held at 24 Lowesmoor Ave., Downsview. For registration and fee details, call 630-1579.

STORY TELLING FOR ADULTS

Downcast Eyes, an evening of story telling for adults, featuring **Justin Lewis** reading translations of **I.L. Peretz** and **Jane Enkin** singing Yiddish folk songs, is arranged for Sunday, Nov. 15, at 8 p.m. at The Second Floor, 61 Humewood Dr. (Vaughan and St. Clair).

The charge is $5. Reserve in advance by calling 651-9235.

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SEPARATION/DIVORCE EXPERIENCE

The Family Law Division of the Supreme Court of Ontario, in cooperation with the Canadian Bar Association-Ontario, the Law Society of Upper Canada and the Family Mediation Service of Ontario, is again holding a program for the general public on The Separation/Divorce Experience.

The 4-session program begins Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 7.30 p.m. and is held at the Supreme Court of Ontario, 145 Queen St. W. Registration fee is $30. Enrollment is limited.

For further information, call 947-3496.

SHAAREH HAIM ADULT EDUCATION

Shaareh Haim Synagogue of York Region has begun its fall adult education semester with two courses on Monday evenings from 8-10 at the McConaghy Centre, 10100 Yonge St., Richmond Hill (just north of Major Mackenzie).

The first course, Contemporary Ethical Issues, is a series of lectures on Jewish responses to modern dilemmas such as bioethics, business ethics, war and peace and other topics. The second course is a close study of the book of Exodus in light of ancient and modern commentaries.

This semester runs to Dec. 14 and is open to everyone. Both courses are taught by **Rabbi Lawrence Troster**. For further information, call the rabbi at 737-3080.

JSU/HILLEL, U OF T

The Jewish Students' Union/Hillel of the University of Toronto has several interesting events coming up this week —

On Thursday, Nov. 5, at 4.30 p.m., **Stanley Barrett**, author of Is God a Racist: Right Wing in Canada, and **Cyril Levitt** and **William Saffir**, authors of The Riot at Christie Pits, will talk about their works at the University of Toronto Bookroom, 214 College St. (at St. George).

The event is co-sponsored by The Bookroom and JSU/Hillel. For more information, call 978-7908.

Beginning Nov. 5 at 8 p.m. and each subsequent Thursday, the Tehila Choir will meet at Beth Tikvah Synagogue (in the nursery). The cost is $10 with JSU card, $15 without card. This is a joint JSU/Hillel and JSF project.

On Monday, Nov. 9, and Tuesday, Nov. 10, the exhibit, The Holocaust 1933-1945 from the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (U.S.) will be displayed in the Sidney Smith lobby from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. along with video films (continuous showings) The Diary of Anne, The World of Anne Frank and Memory of the Camps.

Also, as part of Holocaust Education Month, JSU/Hillel is presenting the exhibit, Anne Frank and Her Diary, in the John Robarts Library at the U of T, 130 St. George St., through to Wednesday, Nov. 25.

CANADIAN FRIENDS ALUMNI

Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv Univeristy's Overseas Student Program is establishing an alumni association. The launch dates are: Winnipeg — Sunday, Nov. 8, at the home of **Sarah and Yoram Barr**; Toronto — Wednesday, Nov. 11, at the home of **Dr. Marvin Cooper and Dr. Mary Waksman Cooper**; Ottawa — Sunday, Nov. 15, at the home of **Ruth and Arnon Miller**, and Montreal — Tuesday, Nov. 17, at the Montefiore Club.

Michael Weiss and **Debbie Litwin** have been named coordinators of alumni affairs and **Shayla Gunter** is editor of the alumni newsletter.

For further information, call **Randi Elkind** at (416) 482-5077.

ADULT SINGERS WANTED

The Choralairs, an adult community choir in North York, is preparing for its 24th season performing for seniors and shut-ins. Rehearsals are held Tuesday evenings at Lawrence Park Collegiate (Avenue Rd. and Lawrence), with monthly concerts from November to June. The repertoire features popular songs of today and yesterday, Broadway tunes and folk songs from around the world.

New members are most welcome, so if you enjoy singing, join the rehearsals. There are no auditions and the ability to read music is not a prerequisite. Just be able to carry a tune and enjoy!

For more information, contact **Syd Fisher**, president, at 789-3473 or **Fay Cohen** at 633-7233.

ABOUT GROUP HOMES

Changing for a Chance, a 13-minute audio-visual presentation answering questions and concerns about group homes, is ready for distribution. It focuses on the value of those services to people in need in the community. It was produced by the Group Home Committee of the City of North York with technical assistance from the North York Board of Education.

The AV production forms part of an information package available to religious, service, community and parent/teacher groups or other interested organizations. A brochure is also available as is a knowledgeable resource person to answer further questions or lead discussions.

For more information, contact committee member **Elsa Chandler**, a North York Board of Education trustee, at 225-4661.

BETH TZEDEC HOSTS JTS STUDENT

Beth Tzedec Congregation is one of 50 Conservative Jewish Congregations participating in a nationwide program of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

Daniel Adler

During the weekend of Nov. 13-15, Beth Tzedec will host **Daniel Alder**, a 5th year student in the seminary's rabbinical school. Mr. Alder will serve as the synagogue's scholar-in-residence and will be on hand to teach and to meet with many of the congregation's members. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Stanford University.

The so-called "student Shabbat" program was created as part of the seminary's centennial celebration and has become an annual event.

ACTION VOLUNTEERS FOR ANIMALS

Action Volunteers for Animals is having its annual bazaar on Nov. 7, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at The Community Centre, 519 Church St. (just north of Wellesley). There will be antiques, door prizes, books, clothes, crafts, home baking and preserves, jewelry, plants, toys, $1 vegetarian lunches and more.

Admission is 50¢ All proceeds will be used to care for animals in distress.

CANVASSERS NEEDED

November is Diabtetes Month. The Toronto Branch of the Canadian Diabetes Association is organizing a door-to-door canvass during November. Canvassers are needed to help raise funds for diabetes research and education. If you are able to give two hours of your time to help find a cure for diabetes, phone **Jackie** at 488-8871.

VOLUNTEER VISITORS WORKSHOP

West park Hospital and the Volunteer centre - Etobicoke invite volunteers who visit hospitals, facilities for the elderly or who provide home visitation, to attend the workshop, Looking For Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, on Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. **Dr. Michael Gordon**, senior medical consultant, Baycrest Centre, and head of geriatrics at Mount Sinai Hospital, will be the keynote speaker. His topic will be Psychological Aspects of Aging.

The fee for the day, including lunch, is $12. Pre-registration is required. For information, call West park Hospital's volunteer services at 243-3672.

for seniors

The Habima Players of the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St., has openings for new members interested in acting, costuming and backstage management. Contact **Fred Field** at 633-2877.

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Program, a non-sectarian, free, supportive service for women 55-70 years of age, widowed less than two years, meets every second Sunday from 12.30-2 p.m. in the Lipa and Fanny Green Library of the centre, 55 Ameer Ave. The coordinator of the group is **Toby Warsh**. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 8. For information, call the centre at 789-5131, ext. 2271, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Widows 70 and Over Program at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave., meets every second Monday from 1.30-3 p.m. in the conference room. The next meeting is Monday, Nov. 9. The coordinator is **Micky Zimmerman**. For information, call the centre at 789-5131, ext. 2271, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Learn about the variety of volunteer opportunities for seniors at the **Good Age Club** at the Bloor Y on Thursday, Nov. 5, at 2 p.m. The Bloor Y is located at 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor)...On Thursday, Nov. 12, a speaker from Network will give an update on the situation of Soviet Jewry. That's at 2 p.m. For information on club activities, call **Sarah Casse** at 924-6211.

Coffeehouse 60 meets regularly on Tuesdays at the Bloor Y, 750 Spadina Ave., for conversation and fun. Join the group at its new time, 2 p.m., in the board room. Call **Sarah Casse** if you would like more information.

The **Holy Blossom Temple Alumni** meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 11, features the film, Homage to Verdi, at 1.30 p.m. in the Phillip Smith Congregational Hall of the temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

Baycrest Centre gift shop, 3560 Bathurst St., is having a Fantastic Book Sale on Thursday, Nov. 5, from 11.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. and on Friday, Nov. 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hardcover and softcover books will cost anywhere from 35¢ to $2.

The LZA Seniors Club meets daily at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. from noon to 4 p.m. for an afternoon of cards, discussions and chess...Shuffleboard teams meet every Tuesday and Thursday evening at 7.30...The Cultural Circle meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. On Nov. 10 **Chazkel Mandelman** will speak on Sholem Asch...A luncheon with entertainment is planned for Wednesday, Nov. 18. All balances for the Miami trip must be paid at that time...The Chanukah party with refreshments, latkes and dancing to the music of the **Morris Turk** orchestra takes place on Saturday, Dec. 19, at the Borochov Centre.

At the Tuesday, Nov. 10, meeting of **Beth Tzedec Friendship Club Plus 50**, **Paula Thompson's** Northern Lights Dance Theatre will present highlights from their repertoire. The time is 1.30 p.m. at the synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. The charge for non-members is $1.50

Workmen's Circle Social club meets on Tuesday, Nov. 10, for lunch and bingo at noon at 471 Lawrence Ave. W...The Miami trip is filled. Be sure to get your tickets and insurance as payment must be made in full. For information, call **Shirley Grotell** at 222-7727.

The Suntime 55 Plus group invites you to join the inclusive suntime holiday in Miami at the elegant Colonial Inn resort on the oceanfront at 181st St. from Jan. 7-Feb. 4. The price is in Canadian funds. The tour includes air transportation, hotel accommodation, all transfers, complete insurance package, all gratuities, floor shows, all activities plus much more. Space is limited. For information, call **Sylvia** at 665-1768.

Snow Connections is a program designed to assist seniors and disabled adults in the City of North York with snow removal. Seniors are linked with students at a fee of $5 per hour, with a minimum 1-hour charge. Students and seniors can register now by calling the senior centre in their area: north of 401, west of Bathurst, 221-7227; south of 401, west of Yonge, 787-2002; north of 401, east of Bathurst, 222-7669, and south of 401, east of Yonge, 447-5074. The Snow Connections program is funded through a grant from the City of North York for administrative purposes. It is operated by Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, Downsview Services for Seniors, Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre, North York Seniors Centre and Taylor Place Senior Adult Centre.

The Mah Jong club of the **Senior Adult Services** at the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St., has become very popular. So much so that it is desperately looking for used mah jong sets in good condition. The club will happily accept donations or discuss a reasonable purchase price. Contact **Teme Kernerman** at 636-1880.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club has dancing every Saturday evening with **Ann Soren**. It is free of charge for members, $1 for non-members. Other ongoing activities include barber service, shuffleboard, woodwork, mah jong, art classes, fitness, bridge, bingo, rummycube, dancersize, Tai Chi, folk dancing and more. For time schedules, call 636-7856, Monday to Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

On Thursday, Nov. 5, at 1.30 p.m., the Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) is presenting a program of Music of the Holocaust with singer **Jennie Eisenstein** accompanied by **Bram Goldhammer**. There is no charge.

The Friendship Circle for people 55 and over and on their own is holding a meeting on Thursday, Nov. 5, at 7 p.m. **Marlo Fieldstone**, a photo-journalist, will give an illustration on photography. This is for Circle members only. The fee is $1. For information, call **Norma Steiner** at the centre.

Dance to the music of the Creative Band on Sunday, Nov. 8, from 7.30-10.30 p.m. The cost is $2 members, $2.50 non-members.

at the jcc

The Junior Jug Band with **Chris and Ken Whiteley** will be opening the Bloor Y Concerts for Kids series on Sunday, Nov. 15, at 2 p.m. Tickets for the complete series of three concerts are $19.99 JCC members, $24 non-members. For more information, call 924-6211.

The JCC North-East Valley Singles Network has planned an interesting afternoon at the Art Gallery of Ontario with **Martin Brown** on Sunday, Nov. 8. Meet him in the AGO lobby at 1.30 p.m. He will be wearing a name tag. Then meet afterwards for coffee at a nearby cafe. Admission for AGO is $3.50. For more information, contact **Sally Kerbel** at the Valley office at 889-0813 or Martin Brown at 489-4534.

The singles social hotline provides 24-hour taped information on happenings in the Jewish community. The number to call is 889-5101.

singles events

Singles Events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. For information on rates and deadlines please call Shayla at 422-2528.

Party for **College** and **University**- educated men and women. Friday, November 13th. **GADDI'S.** Roehampton Hotel. **Ages 25-45.** By membership. High Society. 633-8908.

JCC Valley Singles Network — Wed., Nov. 12, Video/Discussion Evening. "Building Self-Esteem for Better Relationships" — video by Brian Tracey, noted educator, presented by Dr. Frances Shrubb. Discussion to follow. Refreshments. 8:00 p.m. Members $2.00, Non-members $4.00. Call Sally Kerbel, 889-0813.

Beth Tikvah Chai Singles 35 plus, Sunday, Nov. 8/87, 8:00 p.m. Don't miss this one: Talking yourself into success," with Dr. Cy Marks, who is a M.D. practicing hypnosis and self hypnosis in treatment. Also consultant in the area of stress and fitness. 3080 Bayview. Members $3.00, Visitors $5.00. Includes refreshments. Membership $18.00/year. Eligible persons can join at the door. See you there. Information — 499-1992.

Total Living Mature Singles meeting: Sunday, Nov. 8, 8:00 p.m. Earl Bales Community Centre (Bathurst-Sheppard). Speaker Eleanor Miller (J.F.&C.S.). Topic: "Friendship, Dating and Mating." Refreshments. Members $2.00. Non-members $3.00.

METRO TORONTO SINGLES Presents Grand Opening Party — **NOVOTEL HOTEL,** Gibson ballroom, 2nd floor. Sunday, Nov. 8, 8:00 p.m. 3 Park Home Ave. (3 lights North of Sheppard off Yonge). Cover $8.00, Sid — 222-7111.

B'nai Brith Singles Atidenyu Lodge — **General** meeting, Tues., Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m., speaker on Soviet Jewry with fascinating slide presentation; **Arbuckle's** comedy, Saturday, Nov. 21, $7.00. Pay by Nov. 10 at meeting; **Jewish Bookfair,** a play, Sunday, Nov. 29, $6.00. Pay by Nov. 10 at meeting. For more info: Cindy — 488-3412.

Gay group complaining

Community rapped on AIDS stance

By ANCIL KASHETSKY

TORONTO —

The Toronto Jewish community has its head buried in the sand when it comes to helping Jews who suffer from AIDS, says a spokesman for Chutzpah, an organization for Jewish gays in Toronto.

The spokesman, who only identified himself as Howard, told a recent forum at Holy Blossom Temple that no formal apparatus or an outreach program exists in Toronto for Jews who suffer from AIDS, and he emotionally appealed to Jewish community leaders to recognize that the disease also has Jewish victims.

His remarks were made during a discussion which followed a talk entitled AIDS and the Jewish Problem by Dr. Gertrude Sleeva, a physician for the City of Toronto.

Sleeva said Jews are the victims of AIDS in the same proportion as any other ethnic group, but she could not say how many AIDS patients in the city are actually Jewish.

She said people who contact her for help, especially over the AIDS Hotline she has set up, normally do not identify their ethnic backgrounds.

Sleeva said the entire Toronto community has a twofold responsibility regarding AIDS. "First we must reach out to people who have the disease and secondly we must educate the entire public about all the preventative measures."

About 60 people listened to Sleeva explain the main ways the disease is transmitted, as well as debunk some popular misconceptions about how AIDS is contracted. "You won't get AIDS by hugging a victim or drinking from the same cup."

Sleeva also said the public must avoid singling out the gay community. "AIDS is as much a heterosexual disease as it is a homosexual one."

However, the thornier problem of AIDS and Jews was discussed by numerous people in attendance, particularly several men who said they represented the Jewish gay community in Toronto.

Another individual from Chutzpah who wished to remain anonymous said he knew about four Jews who had died from AIDS in the past year.

One of the AIDS victims, he claimed, did not even have a Jewish burial. He said Jews who suffer from AIDS do not know where to go for help in the Jewish community and there is no help available for those who seek it.

This individual said the Catholic and Protestant communities have better outreach programs for AIDS victims. The spokesman for Chutzpah also said it was time the Toronto Jewish community addressed the special needs of its Jewish AIDS sufferers such as providing spiritual guidance, financial help, and assurances of Jewish burial.

Commenting on the Jewish dimension, Holy Blossom's Rabbi Dow Marmur said there were no references in Jewish tradition to deal with AIDS. "On one hand fundamentalists react to AIDS as a form of punishment. On the other hand, there's the humanitarian tradition of reaching out to the sick and needy."

Marmur said Jews react to AIDS like everybody else. "They tend to deny it." He told members of Chutzpah that he championed their causes; urged them to pursue their rights but also cautioned patience in dealing with a public which is slow to accept the dimensions of the problem.

Adath Israel to honor Rabbi Erwin Schild

TORONTO —

Rabbi Erwin Schild, spiritual leader of Adath Israel Congregation, will be honored by his synagogue for 40 years of service and dedication to the congregation and the community on Nov. 27-29.

The celebration weekend will kick off Friday evening with a special Oneg Shabbat service and reception. The keynote speaker will be Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, executive vice-president of the Rabbinical Assembly in New York.

Special guests officiating at the service will inlude Rabbi Joseph Kelmen, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue; Rabbi Philip Scheim, Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am; Cantor Louis Danto, Beth Emeth; Cantor Hesh Meyersdorf, Beth David; as well as Adath Israel's Cantor A. Eliezer Kirshblum and the choir.

The Shabbat morning service will be officiated by Adath Israel's Rabbi Howard Markose, Cantor Kirshblum and the choir. Rabbi Gunther Plaut, senior scholar at Holy Blossom Temple, will deliver the morining sermon.

The culmination of the weekend will be a gala testimonial dinner on Sunday

Rabbi Erwin Schild

evening, including special dedication ceremonies from all facets of the synagogue and community.

Rabbi Schild came to Adath Israel — then known as the First Roumanian Hebrew Congregation Adath Israel — on Sept. 1, 1947 after completing his rabbinic studies at Yeshivah Torath Chaim in Toronto.

In the past 40 years the North York congregation has grown from 200 to 1,800 families and has distinguished itself by its high level of activity and programing in the Jewish community.

As well as serving his congregation, Schild has also been deeply involved with interfaith and intergroup relations. He served for several years as chairman of the Multi-Cultural Institute of the League of Human Rights, B'nai B'rith Organization. He is an active board member of the Christian Jewish Dialogue of Toronto. He was the recipient of the Human Relations Award of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

For several years, Schild has been the chairman of the Canada-Israel Committee, Central Region. He has made several visits to his native Germany during the last seven years to raise the awareness of the Holocaust among the Christians in that country.

Schild is a member of the executive committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress and a board member of the United Synagogue of America, Central Region and of Mazon Canada. He is rabbinical vice-president of the Canadian Council of Conservative Judaism and a candidate for the postion of president of Mercaz Canada.

Schild and his wife Laura have three children, Daniel, Judith and Naomi and 11 grandchildren.

For further information contact Ben Appleabaum, chairman of the 40th anniversary celebration, or Bea Soloman, Adath Israel Synagogue, 635-5340.

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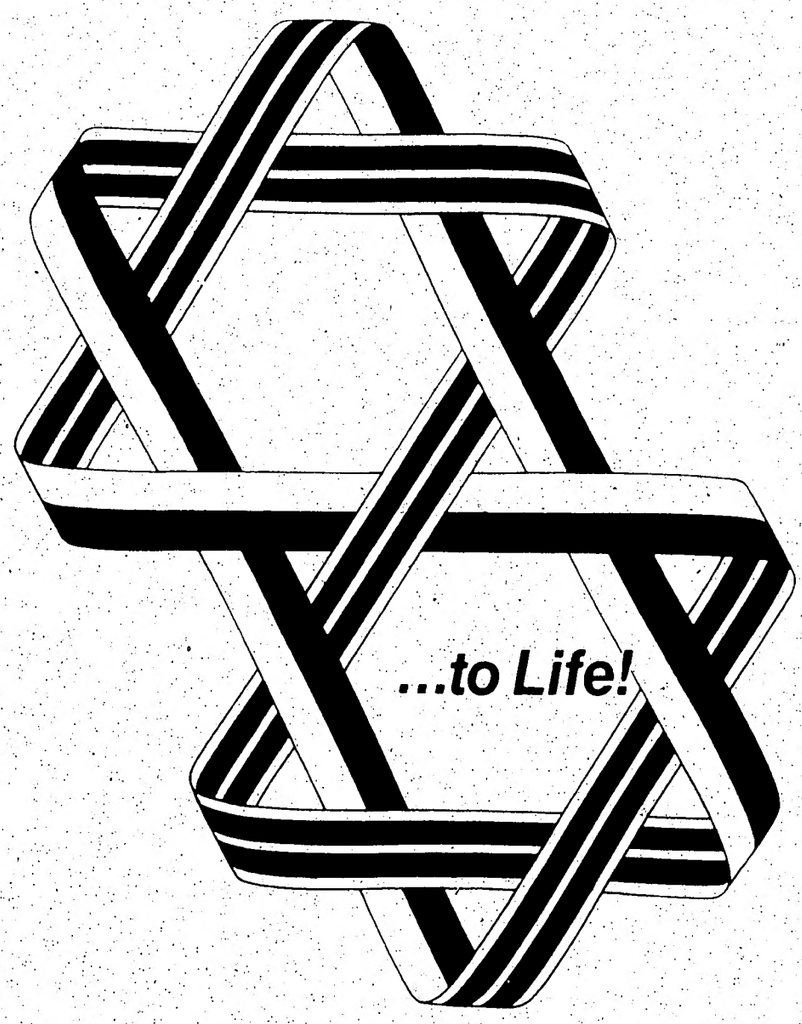

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Organizations and People

Six from Toronto join Otzma program for year in Israel

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Six Torontonians and two Montrealers were among 57 men and women who recently embarked for Israel to participate in the *Otzma* community service program.

Michele Dawson, Shelly Shapero, Jonathan Koven, Karen Gold, Shawn Freeman and Marni Norwich were the six young adults from Toronto, sponsored by Toronto Jewish Congress, who helped launch Otzma's second year.

During their 1-year stay in the Jewish state they will work in Project Renewal neighborhoods, on Youth Aliyah projects, on a moshav and participate in an educational program.

While in Israel, each will meet an "adoptive parent" who will support them during their stay and afterwards become a permanent personal tie to Israel.

The Otzma program is designed to strengthen bonds between North American communities and Israel. "So far the program has exceeded our expectations," said Gerald Fisher, director of administrative services for TJC, who coordinates Otzma in Toronto.

Last year's four Toronto-area participants "had a really profound experience" in Israel and returned with a conviction to work in local communities to strengthen links to the Jewish state, he said.

At first, program organizers were hoping Otzma would help develop lay leaders — those who would volunteer their services in local communal organizations. However, last year's participants are giving every indication of having taken their experiences in Israel to heart and are bent on making work in the Jewish community their professions, Fisher said.

Lorne Berk is now Hillel director at Carleton University in Ottawa; Carey Fruitman is coordinator of the Israel Program Centre, run under the auspices of Canadian Zionist Federation's Youth and Hechalutz department; Sol Jacubowicz has been consulted by several community organizations; and Paul Goldbach returned to study at the University of Toronto where he works as a volunteer with a pro-Israel student group.

They all came back "with a perception of the (role of) the Diaspora to Israel that will have an impact on their lives," Fisher said.

That's exactly what CJF President Shoshana Cardin has said is one of Otzma's primary goals: "(It) is an excellent way for federations to identify gifted young adults with leadership potential at an early point in their career development. Participants have the opportunity to create meaningful ties to their local Jewish communities and Israel, which may stimulate them to become Jewish communal professionals or active volunteer leaders."

The program began with a 5-day pre-departure orientation and training seminar in upstate New York to deepen participants' understanding of the North American Jewish community and the federation movement. Upon arrival in Israel, the group proceeded to a kibbutz ulpan to acquire the basic fundamentals of Hebrew and to acclimatize themselves to Israeli culture.

Otzma is sponsored in Israel by the Israel Forum, the Jewish Agency and WZO. The Israel Forum is a volunteer group of young Israeli business entrepreneurs, academics, kibbutzniks and others concerned with strengthening Israel-Diaspora ties.

CJF is the North American association of 200 Jewish federations, the central community organizations which serve 800 localities embracing a Jewish population of about 5.7 million.

The program is funded in Toronto by the TJC Endowment Fund.

Six Torontonians are taking part in this year's Otzma program in Israel. Shown here with Theodore Comet (centre), national coordinator of Otzma for the Council of Jewish Federations, are (from left) Michele Dawson, Shelly Shapero, Jonathan Koven, Comet, Karen Gold, Shawn Freeman and Marni Norwich.

Wallenberg statue sought

By
JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON —

An additional high American honor is being readied for Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat whose heroism and ingenuity saved tens of thousands of Jews in Hungary from Holocaust horror.

On the 6th anniversary of the signing of the congressional legislation that made Wallenberg an honorary citizen of the United States, two California Congressmen who were born in Hungary — Tom Lantos, a Democrat, and Ernest Konnyu, a Republican — announced sponsorship of a bi-partisan measure for the erection of a statue to him on the mall here.

The Lantos-Konnyu measure would have a larger than life-size statue erected in Wallenberg Place in front of the Holocaust Memorial Museum that is to be built and equipped with private funds by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council.

The statue will be a replica of the work unveiled in April in Budapest. That statue, by the Hungarian Imre Varga, was the private gift of Nicholas Salgo, the former U.S. ambassador to Hungary.

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New administrative team

Bialik hopes for computers

TORONTO —

The new administrative team at Bialik Hebrew Day School hopes to introduce computers as educational tools before the end of the year, says the new principal.

Uri Korin says there are also plans to revise the general and Jewish studies curriculum of the Viewmount Ave. school. Officials are also examining various options to solve a space shortage problem.

Korin — a native of Israel who has lived in the United States since 1971 — took over the principal's position Aug. 1.

He replaces David Gamliel, who did not return after a 1-year leave of absence. Vice-principal Shana Harris acted as interim principal last year.

Bialik — affiliated with the Board of Jewish Education and the Labor Zionist Movement of Canada — has more than 700 students ranging from junior kindergarten to grade 8. Youngsters learn four languages — English, French, Hebrew and Yiddish at the school, founded in 1961.

So far Korin says his work has been very "challenging" and "rewarding." "This is an excellent educational establishment and I feel very much at home," says the 49-year-old principal.

Korin — who came to Bialik from Indianapolis where he was the Board of Jewish Education's executive director — says he heads a very cohesive team of administrators at Bialik. "It seems our strengths and abilities complement one another," he says.

The team includes vice-principal Harris as well as Pearl Brenman, senior division coordinator (grades 6 to 8); Bayla Chaikof, preschool coordinator and curriculum consultant; and Arieh Waldman, administrator.

Korin — a PhD graduate of Kent State University with a major in educational administration and a minor in curriculum development, instruction and supervision — not only brings his educational expertise to Bialik, but years of involvement in the Jewish community.

Dr. Uri Korin

He has been active in the Jewish Welfare Federation, community agencies and temple activities and has been chairman of the Indianapolis Rabbis and Professionals. He has also written several articles for educational publications and been a guest speaker and chairman of Jewish education panel discussions.

Korin and his wife Dolly welcomed the opportunity to move to Toronto.

"The Toronto Jewish community is a name brand in North America as far as its involvement and commitment to Jewish causes, and it is a pleasure to become part of such a vibrant and active community," said the father of two.

Other members of Korin's administrative team also bring a wealth of educational knowledge and expertise.

Harris — who came to Bialik in August, 1986, from Johannesburg — was formerly general studies coordinator for the South African Board of Jewish Education.

Brenman — a former teacher at the Cohen Hillel Academy in Marblehead, Mass. — has a teaching degree in Jewish and general studies from York University. She is currently a candidate for a Master's degree in Jewish education at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York.

Chaikof, associated with Bialik since 1973, has an Ontario principal's certificate and last year qualified as a supervisory officer with the Ontario education ministry.

Waldman, fluent in Hebrew, has been at Bialik since August, 1984. He has an MBA from York University.

Segal at CHAT event

TORONTO —

Brian Segal, president of Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, will deliver the keynote address at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto's career day program on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 15 at York University in Curtis Hall (I).

The program, entitled Careers in Focus — Beyond the Stereotypes, "will focus not only on traditional vocational opportunities, but on new career developments as well," said a CHAT spokesman. It is expected to draw a community audience larger than the school's 640 students and their parents, he said.

Brian Segal

Panel discussions will be included, in arts and communications, science and technology, health service, humanities, business, and social service careers. Participating in each panel will be three professionals in the field who will be able to offer perspectives and practical information.

The career day is being organized by Rabbi Howard Sacknovitz, CHAT guidance director; Joy Cohen, CHAT educational counsellor; and by a committee of parent volunteers, including Brenda Freedman, Merle Goldman, Sharon Haberman, Prof. Arthur Haberman, Sandy Wise and Shirley Worth.

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Organizations and People

With Eddie Goodman (second from right) at the 1987 Jewish National Fund Friendship Dinner are (from left) Herb Solway, top gifts chairman; Alan Posluns, president of JNF; and Lionel Schipper, chairman of the 1987 Toronto Negev Dinner. Goodman will be this year's Negev Dinner honoree on Dec. 6. [Graphic Artists photo]

Goodman roasted, toasted at 87 Friendship Dinner

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

Eddie Goodman, this year's Toronto Negev Dinner honoree, was roasted and toasted by friends in the Jewish and non-Jewish communities and his business associates as the fund raising campaign for the annual Jewish National Fund dinner recently got underway at the 1987 Friendship Dinner.

At Goodman's request, funds raised through this year's Negev Dinner, to be held Dec. 6 at the Royal York Hotel, are being earmarked to rebuild an area in the Galil near the Kinneret and the cities of Nazareth and Capernaum.

Goodman told the approximately 120 guests in attendance at Beth Tzedec Synagogue that in order to bring about a substantial increase in the Jewish population of the Galil, the Jewish National Fund has developed a plan to establish over 60 new agri-industrial settlements in the region within the next five years.

The infrastructure of 18 of these new villages is coming into being through a large project known as Galil Canada undertaken by JNF of Canada. The goal of this year's dinner is to raise $4 million to fund the cost of one settlement.

In typical fashion, Goodman expressed his appreciation as being chosen this year's honoree, but stressed that the most important part of the Negev Dinner is not the individual being honored, but what is accomplished for the JNF.

"I do not believe that anyone merits honor simply for living up to their community responsibilities," Goodman said. "I think that merely by meeting the basic needs of your fellow countrymen or fellow Jews does not entitle you to any special recognition.

"On the other hand, I do recognize the benefits to the JNF from this process and I assure you that I will always remember the need we are fulfiling," he added.

Goodman said his agreement to become this year's honoree was largely motivated by his family's past assocation with the Zionist movement, recalling the "blue boxes that were in so many rooms of the houses of the various Goodman families."

Goodman also served notice to the dinner's special guest, Premier David Peterson, that if the support the Jewish community received in the past does not continue under the Liberal administration, he will be show up in the premier's doorstep.

The premier, fresh and confident from his recent political victory, poked fun at the Negev Dinner honoree and former Premier William Davis who was scheduled to appear but was unable to do so.

"I was going to use this occasion to apoligize to Davis, for some of the nasty things I have said to him," Peterson said. "I said some stuff about him and feel bad about it. I called him a criminal. However I've been called worse. I've been called a Bill Davis clone."

Peterson said that Goodman was a valuable asset to Davis, pointing out that first ministers need people of judgment who they can trust and whose motives are unimpeachable.

"Eddie fit all of those criteria," Peterson said.

"He has always been a wonderfully, decent and civilized and very helpful man, particularly when it was determined in the Meech Lake Accord that the province can now appoint senators. I am now thinking that I might appoint Eddie to the Senate. That would be a good way to get it abolished."

Turning serious, the Premier expressed his great respect for Goodman, calling him an optimist and great Canadian.

"He has added to the confidence of this country and has turned his own ability to so many causes, be they political, charitable, cultural, social, legal and intellectual and has left his mark in all areas."

Ed Stewart, former deputy minister of education and current executive vice-president of Labatt's spoke in Davis' absence recalling the days when Goodman walked the "corridors of power."

Among the Jewish community leaders present at the dinner were Ralph Halbert, Gerald Halbert, Eric Exton, Allan Offman, Lou Ronson, Paul Slavens, Sam Ruth, David Rotenberg, Gerald Ross, Joe Tanenbaum, Wayne Tanenbaum, Eph Diamond, Alan Posluns, Abe Posluns, Syd Loftus, Herb Solway and Lionel Schipper.

Barbados stamps commemorate shul restoration

MONTREAL —

The government of Barbados recently issued a series of four stamps commemorating the restoration of the Nidchei Yisrael Synagogue in Bridgetown. The synagogue was established in 1654 and was rebuilt in 1833 after being destroyed by a hurricane.

The adjacent Jewish cemetery is one of the oldest in North America, with the oldest identifiable gravestone bearing the date 5420 (1660). The building was sold in 1929 when the Jewish community all but disappeared from the island.

Paul Altman, project coordinator of the restoration, is a grandson of the first Jew to return to Barbados in the 1930s. Henry Altman, Paul's father, was born in Lublin, Poland and arrived in Barbados along with his parents in 1932.

Henry Altman led the fight to preserve the synagogue when, in 1978, the government tried to have the building torn down to make way for a court house. The government later passed a resolution to keep the building intact and agreed to support the restoration.

On Dec. 18, services will be conducted in the partially restored synagogue for the first time in nearly 60 years. The services will be held to coincide with the Jewish Commonwealth Conference, which runs from Dec. 17-21 in Barbados.

The painstaking restoration is being done to original dimensions and designs and will take nearly two years to complete. When finished it will serve as both a synagogue for the local Jewish community and as a museum for the general public.

All contributions are tax deductible and can be made through the Canadian Jewish Congress "Charity Fund," Samuel Bronfman House, 1590 Avene Dr. Penfield, Montreal H3G 1C5.

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(The tragic story of Rabbi Jacob Joseph)

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(Has the feminist movement affected the traditional housewife image?)

The following Torah learning opportunities conducted by Rabbi Moshe Stern at Shaarei Tefillah are also open to the community:

Shabbat Morning - one hour before Shacharis:
Talmud - Masechet Bava Metzia

Shabbat Afternoon - one hour before Mincha
Review of Weekly Parsha

Tuesday evenings - Adult Institute
Lectures on Judaica (see above)

Wednesdays, 10 a.m. - Ladies Study Class
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Every Sunday morning following Services,
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"Swastika Attacks Call Forth Great Panic In The City" reads a headline in the Toronto Yiddisher Zhurnal of Aug. 17, 1933. Toronto Jewish Congress Archives director Stephen Speisman reviews a microfilm projection of the newspaper with Leah Pomerantz (left), Deborah Roytenberg and Debby Lerner (sitting) in connection with Holocaust Education Week. The young women are undergoing training in the TJC Federation Executive Recruitment Program. [Graphic Artists photo]

Awareness called goal

Christie Pits' riot is topic

By
BOB GOTTLIEB

TORONTO —

Memories will be evoked for many and a painful moment in local history exposed to whole new generations of the Toronto community at 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9 at Beth Torah Synagogue.

At that time professors William Shaffir and Cyril Levitt will discuss events relating to the summer of 1933 and The Riot at Christie Pits, which is the title of their newly released book.

The presentation by the two McMaster University sociologists is one of the events of Holocaust Education Week on until Nov. 15 under auspices of Toronto Jewish Congress.

A total of 20 programs dealing with aspects of the Holocaust as well as anti-semitism have been arranged by the Holocaust Education Week Committee, whose chairman is Margie Levitt. The agenda will include lectures, seminars, panel discussions and audio-visual presentations.

The premise of Holocaust Education week, states the committee chairman, is to enable the Toronto Jewish and general community to deepen its knowledge of the roots of anti-semitism and the Holocaust period.

"Our goal is awareness," Levitt says. "Realizing and understanding the calamity of the Holocaust and the insidiousness of hate will, we hope, help to prevent racism and prejudice today — among all peoples."

The Holocaust Education Week Committee is a subcommittee of the Holocaust Remembrance Week Committee of Toronto Jewish Congress.

This Mancini composes programs

Music to disableds' ears

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

Remo Mancini may not have the highest profile around the Ontario cabinet table or the biggest operating budget, but that isn't going to stop him from being a vocal advocate for the disabled as minister without portfolio responsible for disabled persons.

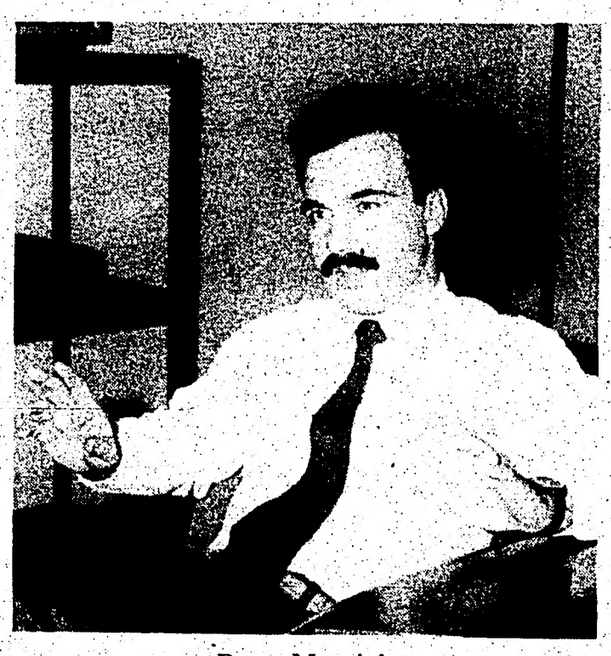
"I don't believe disabled persons want people to feel sorry for them," Mancini told The CJN. "They want to have a chance to integrate into society and to be productive and lead as normal a life as possible."

To help the disabled accomplish this, he said attendent care must be improved, employers have to be willing to hire the disabled and a proper transportation system must be set up to allow them to get around.

(A recent report on transportation recommended that the provincial government should make a commitment to develop a fully integrated transportation system to meet the needs of all Ontario residents by the year 2010.)

In the area of employment, Mancini said he would prefer to see employers hire the disabled on their own initiative, rather than as a result of government legislation.

"I think the disabled would want to know they have been hired on their own abilities," said Mancini, the second minister to occupy the 2-year-old post (Tony Ruprecht was the first).



Remo Mancini

"Everywhere I go I try to take the opportunity to encourage employers to consider hiring disabled persons.

"Being an advocate for the disabled and the general public is one of my prime responsibilities," he added.

In the new legislative session, Mancini said he hopes to be announcing a few new programs designed to help the disabled.

The most recent involves a pilot project called Home Link which will be run in five communities across the province.

The program will allow participating communities to survey their areas and keep a bank of information on available rental accommodation for the disabled.

If successful, Mancini said it will be expanded around the province. However he doubted it would be implemented in Metro Toronto because of the city's size.

Mancini said he is also interested in raising the profile of the Office for Disabled Persons and has already initiated a "minor" review of services.

"There are probably things this office can do which it is not doing now such as providing more direct services to the disabled," he said.

Although new to the cabinet, Mancini is well known around Queen's Park.

First elected to the Ontario legislature in the riding of Essex South in 1975, Mancini has served many legislative committees including the standing committee on public accounts and the legislative assembly standing committee.

He also served as parliamentary assistant to Premier David Peterson in his capacity as minister of intergovernmental affairs in the last Liberal administration.

Before running for election to the Ontario legislature, Mancini was owner and manager of a restaurant in Amherstburg.

Meirovich to quit shul

TORONTO —

Rabbi Harvey Meirovich will leave the Beth Sholom Synagogue when his current contract expires next summer.

Meirovitch said he is leaving to "pursue different educational possibilities."

Let's UJA Talk...

Judy Scheininger and Anna Koffler give their rapt attention to Carol Seidman at outreach satellite program held at the Koffler home. Seidman, women's Campaign director, conducted session on Jewish identity.

It's all set! **Simon Reisman**, Canada's free trade negotiator, will be the star attraction on Thursday, December 3rd, at a 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. cocktail reception to be held at the Sheraton Centre.

The event is a combined function of the Business Division and Professional & Financial Services.

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Getting Down to Business, which met with such success last year, is once again planned as a major event for the Business Division. It's been scheduled for Tuesday, November 17 and Sunday, November 22. The same format will be repeated — breakfast, speaker and on to the telephones until noon, to be followed by lunch, another speaker and an afternoon of telephoning. On Sunday, it's a half day only, starting with breakfast.

Chairmen are **Sam Schwartz, Lloyd Weiss** and **David Wintre**. We'll let you know who will be addressing each of the segments as soon as confirmations are received.

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Armin Weiss, who presides over the Jews of Hungarian Descent, brought out a contingent of the faithful at the organization's first Sunday telethon of the campaign.

With him were **Dr. Imre Farkas, Mike Garay, Eugen Jacob, Josef Klein, Willy Reiss, Agnes Serenyi, Tibor Stern, Magda Trattner, Miklos Winkler** and **Jeno Weis.**

The next Hungarian telethon is scheduled for Sunday, November 8 at the Lipa Green Building.

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Nat Hurwich chaired a luncheon meeting of UJA's prized "elder statesmen" who make up the Operation Realise team — and "prized" is the operative word for these highly valued and seasoned canvassers. The team includes such veterans as **Charles Anthony, William Dunn, David Green, Irving Green, Jack Kosoy, William Leibach, Joseph Lester, Irving Rife, Ben Samuel** and **Max Ziefman.**

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The Real Estate Division, newly reorganized in the 1987 campaign, is going great guns this year under the joint chairmanship of **Roz Bennett, Albert Brown** and **Harold Hillman**. There was a sizable turnout at lunch in the Lipa Green Building, where all cards were distributed.

Joining the chairmen were: **Marion Alberga, Barbara Banks, Bev Burstein, Howard Freeman, Carol Goodis, Phyllis Keller, Les Levine, David** and **Barbara Peltz, Linda Richmond, Barry Schacter, Natalie Schacter, Howard Skopitz, Bennett Solway, Sunny Starr, Alan Ungerman, Rev. Orland Verral** and **Donald Wagman. Allan Brown**, who showed up with a terrible cold, just picked up his cards and skipped lunch. That's dedication!

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The first of two outreach satellite programs of Women's Campaign was held at the home of **Anna Koffler**.

Women's Campaign Director, **Carol Seidman**, conducted a session on "Jewish Identity" for the 55 women who attended the luncheon gathering. Many of the guests were recent newcomers to Toronto from South Africa and they as well as the other invitees have not as yet become involved in the city's Jewish communal life, said Seidman.

Through a series of exercises, such as delving back to their earliest recollections of a personal significant Jewish event in their lives, digging through handbags for anything of Jewish content, i.e. receipts for donations to Jewish organizations, the women gained new insight into the meaning of "Jewish identity."

After exchanging experiences with each other, one of the women stated: "Until today, I never thought I could establish a bond with Jewish women in Canada."

That is probably the most succinct and accurate example of what is meant by "outreach" we have ever come across.

Working with Anna Koffler in arranging the program were **Cheryl Amram, Jeanette Berger** and **Cheryl Fienberg**.

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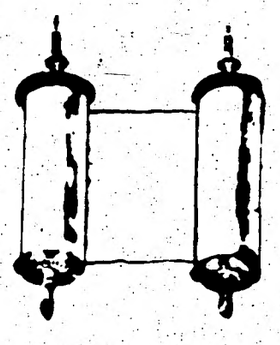
Yachdav '88, the international young leadership mission to Israel, is an ideal way for young adults (up to the age of 35), to meet their counterparts from all over the world, in a joint venture of travel and discovery throughout the State of Israel. Particularly so during Israel's 40th anniversary year.

The mission dates are from July 31 to August 11 (with the first three days in London). Eligibility for participation is a minimum $750.00 UJA campaign contribution. Total cost of the mission, including air fare, is $2,500 per person.

An orientation meeting, complete with Israeli snack food, is guaranteed to put you in the mood for this unforgettable experience. It takes place on Monday, November 23 at 8:00 p.m., in the Lipa Green Building, fourth floor. **Adi Sultanik** of Keren Hayesod, will be on hand to fill you in with many details.

If you would like to attend this meeting, just call **Julea Gasner** at 635-2883, and let her know you'll be there.

Organizations and People



sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Vayeirah

We're not growing older — we are growing better.

Reb Hesheleh was known for his cleverness even as a child. His father once criticized him: "Hesheleh, we both bought shoes at the same time. Mine are still fine, while yours are ripped to pieces?"

Answered the child: "It is simple. You are tall while I am short. For every step you take, I have to take three — so my shoes wear out quicker!"

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To grow old is a blessing. Every day of life counts, every minute is precious.

Father Abraham was 99 years when the Almighty gave him a terrible mitzvah — circumcision!

At 99! No doctors! No pain-killers! No knives! But to take a sharp flint stone and perform the delicate, difficult operation on himself.

Abraham cut, suffered the pain, and on the third day of the brit, sat in his tent — the heat bearing down mercilessly, broiling and dangerous.

Where did he sit?

"Vi-hu yoshaiv pesach ha'ohel . . . And he sat at the entrance of the tent . . . kchom hayom! In the fierce heat of the day!"

Why? He should have been deep inside the tent, under the shade, resting in bed.

But it teaches about Abraham.

Abraham's whole life was doing mitzvahs, cleaving to God. Since a child, he recognized God's unity, and he strove to bring people under the wings of the Shechinah. His tent always was open on four sides, an open house, welcoming.

Our tradition teaches that Abraham fulfilled the whole Torah, even before it was revealed at Mount Sinai. Every step was kadosh, holy to Heaven.

He was 99 — no spring chicken. He could be satisfied.

But, no!

He felt he was just a beginner. He was "pesach ha-ohel" — just at the entrance to the tent of God. What did he know? What had he accomplished? What was still left to do? So much! He was just starting!

How can a Jew fear retirement? What will I do with my life? How will I fill the hours? How much poker or bingo can a person play?

There is a world of mitzvahs to be done! How old is old? Sixty, seventy, eighty? Nothing! We are just children of God, beginning every day with new mitzvahs and new challenges, to study Torah, to help others, to volunteer, to amend past wrongs, to smell the flowers, to bind oneself to God!

Kchom hayom! Abraham sat in the fiercest heat of the day of his life, he had purified himself with the sacred mitzvah of bris, he had reached a pinnacle, a wholeness. But — pesach ha'ohel — he felt he was just beginning, so much yet to be learned and done!

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The saintly Chozeh of Lublin asked his son to gather 10 Jews, because he wanted to confess his sins before them.

When he saw his son was not eager to fulfil the request, he warned: "Hurry, because if not, I will run out to the marketplace, and the embarrassment will be greater!"

May we never be embarrassed before the Almighty. Shabbat Shalom.

Rabbi Twersky dies at age 92

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Thousands of ultra-Orthodox Jews ascended the Mount of Olives last week to bury Abraham Heschel Twersky, the Makhnovka rebbe, who died of cancer at age 92.

He was a descendant of a disciple of the Ba'al Shem Tov, the founder of chassidic Judaism.

For almost 50 years, Twersky led a persecuted Jewish community in the Soviet Union, spending several years in a Siberian labor camp for refusing to serve as a puppet of the ruling regime.

For standing up to Stalin, he received the Israel Army's Sinai decoration.

The Twersky family established centres of chassidic learning throughout the Ukraine. Long before Chernobyl became synonymous with nuclear disaster, it was an enclave of chassidic thought founded by Menahem Nahum Twersky (1730-1787), a disciple of the Ba'al Shem Tov.

Cited for drive, determination

Litwin gets BB Award of Merit

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO — Fred Litwin, a man left fatherless at the age of 6 and who spent a lot of his boyhood in a Montreal hospital as the result of a crippling condition, received the B'nai B'rith Canada Award of Merit recently.

To the plaudits of 950 people attending the dinner in the Sheraton Centre, it was announced that the goal of $500,000 has been met to set up the Fred and Ronnie Litwin Foundation to help handicapped and disadvantaged adults and children across Canada.

Litwin, who came to Toronto 30 years ago, is president and chief executive officer of Forum Financial Corp. and First Corporate Equity Ltd. His business partner, Mel Walker, a non-Jew, was a co-chairman of the dinner along with Eleanor London, treasurer of B'nai B'rith Canada, and Sidney Greenberg, vice-president, Astral Bellevue Pathe Inc.

It was Walker who gave a picture of the drive and determination which brought Litwin to the top. "We were out skiing together and when we came off the hill, I phoned our auditors in Toronto to get the word on our year's operation. Fred came along and after I gave him the numbers, which were good, he said, 'But what are we going to do next year?' "

Abraham Foxman, of New York, national director of the Anti-Defamation League, told the gathering that the stock market crisis shows how frail is the economic stability of the world and how intertwined are the affairs of countries.

"In the last two days, I've had phone calls from the media asking if I'd heard any rumblings of anti-semitism because of the crisis on Wall Street," Foxman said.

He said the U.S. has witnessed classical anti-semitism in a new milieu. "In the U.S. there is a myth in farm states that you will be rewarded if you work hard and go to church regularly. Farmers woke up one morning to find they were in the midst of a financial disaster and they vented their frustration against Eastern bankers, Jewish bankers and Jewish Zionists."

Recently the right of Israel to sit in the UN General Assembly was challenged. "What other country would ever have to face such a challenge?" Foxman said. "The Vatican has relations with 104 countries, some anti-Christ and some totalitarian. And yet we are told to be patient for normal relations."

William Attewell, MP, chairman of the Canadian Parliamentary Committee for Soviet Jewry, brought greetings from Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and congratulated Fred and Ronnie Litwin who are his constituents.

Monte Kwinter, minister of Industry, Trade and Technology, read a message from Ontario Premier David Peterson. William Morris, National Foundation Chairman, presented plaques to the three dinner co-chairmen.

Introducing the main speaker, Dr. Brian Feldman, president-elect of B'nai B'rith, said that Foxman, a Holocaust survivor, was saved by a Catholic nursemaid and raised as a Catholic, but is now an observant Jew. The speaker was thanked by Moishe Smith, of Ottawa, national vice-president.

Scrolls of appreciation were presented to endowment co-chairmen Joe Dubrofsky (in absentia), Stanley Lazar and Michael Wynston by Harry Bloomfield of Montreal, national dinners vice-chairman.

Three members of B'nai B'rith youth presented flowers to Mrs. Litwin and to Lisa Litwin, their daughter. Mark Litwin, their son, gave a brief address.

B'nai B'rith Canada Award of Merit recipient Fred Litwin (centre) is seen with (from left) Frank Dimant, Eleanor London, Ralph Snow and William Morris.

Presenting the Award of Merit to Litwin, Ralph Snow, national president, said the honoree has made an "extraordinary financial commitment" to B'nai B'rith.

Rabbi Arthur Bielfeld of Temple Emanu-El delivered the invocation.

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"Too many memories"

Survivors revisit Poland

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

Three hundred men, women and children gathered at Kielce in Poland on a sunny Sunday afternoon in late August, almost five decades after darkness fell on the thriving Jewish community.

Some thought of their shattered childhood which abruptly came to an end on Sept. 4, 1939, when the German army entered their city and terrorized the Jews. Others tried to imagine the persecution and horrors that their parents and grandparents were subjected to in this once vibrant community of more than 25,000 Jews with its Jewish library, a number of religious and secular Jewish schools, yeshivot and synagogues.

Joseph Cooper, cantor emeritus of the Toronto's Beth Tzedec Congregation, was one of the 35 Holocaust survivors along with some of the members of their families who stood with members of Holocaust memorial organizations, representatives from the Polish government and the Catholic church who returned to the site of Poland's worst post-Holocaust pogrom.

They came to memorialize the 25,000 Jews who were removed on trains and sent to the death camps in 1942 from the Nazi ghetto in Kielce which had grown to 28,000 with displaced Jews from Lodz. They came to the place where 45 Jewish children, from 15 months to 13 years of age, were rounded up in the graveyard in 1943 by German soldiers and shot. And they came to remember the 42 Jews who were massacred on July 4, 1946, a year after the war ended.

In 1945, about 200 Jews returned to Kielce in the hopes of finding their relatives. The post-Holocaust killings of unarmed Jews by armed groups of Poles were sparked by a rumor that Jews had kidnapped a Christian boy. Cooper says that several days after the brutal killings, the boy reappeared.

Cooper was 16 when the Jews were herded into the ghetto. He recalls when most of them, including his parents and seven of his 10 sisters and brothers, were deported to Treblinka in 1942 and murdered. Cooper and his younger brother Albert remained in Kielce to work in slave labor camps until they were deported to Auschwitz in 1943. His brother Martin had emigrated to Canada in 1936.

The memorial procession halted at the steps of the synagogue which is now the city archive and closed to the public. Outside the synagogue where his family davened and where Joseph Cooper was once a soloist in the choir, the shofar was sounded as the cantor chanted the memorial prayer El Maaleh Rachamim and sang Hatikvah. David Blumenfeld, a rabbi from New Rochelle, NY, whose father and grandfather were Kielce rabbis, led the group in prayer.

The delegation travelled to the Jewish cemetery on the outskirts of the city where they recited memorial prayers and laid wreaths. Local public officials and the Bishop of Kielce Mieczyslaw Muszynski participated in a ceremony at a monument to the 42 Jews killed in the 1946 pogrom as they remembered the larger tragedy of the Jews of Poland.

The ceremony was the result of a campaign by William Mandell of New York, a death camp survivor. Six years ago, Mandell had returned to his native city and was shocked to find that the devastated Jewish cemetery was an abandoned plot of land used by the local children as a play area.

Mandell spent six years wrangling with the Polish authorities and raising the funds to clean up the cemetery. A simple stone monument was erected with the Polish inscription: "Here rest the ashes of the 42 victims of the Kielce events. Honor to their memory."

Another monument was dedicated to the 45 children who perished. A new fence surrounds the cemetery. The local government with the help of Mandell erected a 3-tier memorial using the remaining 135 tombstones in the graveyard which once had thousands of stones.

Cantor Cooper says when he was liberated in 1945 he vowed that he would never return to Poland. "Over the years, I had reoccurring dreams that I returned to Kielce — but it seemed unreal and only a bad nightmare."

When David Wiener, the Toronto organizer for the memorial trip, called the cantor, he decided he would join the group of 13 Torontonians and return to the city of his birth.

With sadness, the cantor says that after the ceremonies, he and Rabbi Blumenfeld were walking on the street where he had lived as a child. Some Polish youths standing on the street turned to them and said, "The streets are yours but the houses are ours."

"This frightened me," says Cooper, "because it brought back too many bad memories. I was glad to leave Kielce forever — there are no illusions about Kielce — only the cold reality of what was and what is."

Cooper believes that, by returning to Poland, the survivors made a statement to the rest of the world that "Jews have survived, and we are building our homeland in Israel where we stand proud as Jews — there is a future for Jews in the world."

Toronto's Cantor Joseph Cooper (left) participates in the memorial service at the cemetery in Kielce.

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Demjanjuk investigator Allan Ryan to speak

Holocaust Education Week commences Nov. 5

By
ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO —

Nazi War Criminals Today: Legal And Moral Issues, is the keynote topic to be presented by Allan Ryan, Jr., at the opening program of Holocaust Education Week on Nov. 5.

Jointly sponsored by the Holocaust Education Week Committee of Toronto Jewish Congress and United Synagogue of America, Ontario Region, the program begins at 8 p.m. at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, 252 Bloor St. W.

Allan Ryan, now in the office of general counsel at Harvard University, served as special assistant to the U.S. attorney-general in 1983 and conducted the international investigation of Klaus Barbie's ties to the American government. He was also responsible for the investigation which led to the prosecution of John Demjanjuk in the U.S.

Probes Nazi war criminals in U.S.

In 1979 Ryan was appointed director of the Office of Special Investigations, then newly created by the department of justice to investigate and prosecute Nazi war criminals living in the United States.

Ryan's book Quiet Neighbors: Prosecuting Nazi War Criminals in America, was published in 1984. He has been honored by Yad Vashem and awarded the rank of Meritorious executive by President Ronald Reagan for "outstanding achievement and noteworthy public service."

Joining Ryan on the program is Jack Silverstone, national executive director of Canadian Jewish Congress, who acted as CJC counsel at the Deschenes Commission.

Silverstone, who holds degrees in civil and common law, has served as counsel to several parliamentary committees, specializing in international and transportation law. He joined the department of external affairs and was posted to the Canadian embassy in Mexico in 1982.

Before assuming his position at Congress, Silverstone was vice-consul at the Canadian consulate at Atlanta.

Program participants also include Herman Gottesman, president, United Synagogue of America, Ontario Region; Dr. Alan Bardikoff, Holocaust Education Committee chairman; and Nathan Leipciger, chairman, Holocaust Remembrance Committee.

Moderator for the question period will be Margie Levitt who heads the Holocaust Education Week Committee.

Resistance fighter Meed to participate

TORONTO —

Vladka Meed, renowned resistance fighter, author and lecturer, will be the featured guest on the final day of the 1987 Holocaust Education Week on Sunday, Nov. 15.

She will participate in the program at the Survivors Village exhibit at Beth Sholom Synagogue, where activities get under way at 1.00 p.m.

Her "Aryan" appearance, combined with fluency in Polish, enabled her as a 16-year-old to join the underground movement as a resistance fighter in Poland during World War II.

She soon earned a reputation as a courageous, intelligent underground courier. She narrowly escaped capture on a number of occasions as she smuggled weapons across the wall to the Jewish Fighting Organization and helped Jews escape from the ghetto to and find shelter in the homes of Christians.

Her book, On Both Sides of the Wall, written in Yiddish and translated into Spanish, Hebrew and English, has been described by Elie Wiesel as a work of "inspiration and exaltation . . . every scene burns itself into the reader's memory."

Meed, who settled in New York in 1946, was the recipient of the 1973 award of the Warsaw Ghetto Resistance Organization and was one of the leading members of the steering committee responsible for arranging and organizing the World Gathering of Holocaust Survivors in Jerusalem. She also had a key role in the April, 1983 Gathering of Survivors in Washington.

Another feature attraction at Survivors Village will be Jenny Eisenstein and Batshevah Paul who will perform "songs of our people."

Eisenstein, who was liberated from Auschwitz, and sent to Sweden by the Red Cross to study voice, launched her singing career in 1950. A noted singer of Yiddish and Hebrew folk songs, she has performed in Canada, Israel and the United States.

Included in the Nov. 15 program will be art, photo and book displays, as well as attractions for children of all ages. — E.M.

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Supervisors of the new JCC/Maccabi Club Groups Jeff Engel (left) and Barney Dales (right) meet with JCC President Bernard Kamin. (centre).

Sponsored by JCC, Maccabi Canada

Teenage athletes club opens

TORONTO —

A new program designed to attract teenagers to a Jewish sports and social club was introduced recently at the North Y Branch of the Jewish Community Centre.

Sponsored jointly by the JCC and Maccabi Canada, the JCC/Maccabi Club Groups are open to male and female athletes between the ages of 13 and 16 who are members of the JCC, Sidney Greenberg, president of Maccabi Canada and Bernard Kamin, JCC president, announced recently.

The Club Groups will be supervised by qualified instructors who will lead the teens in a variety of cultural, social, educational and athletic activities. Overall supervision of the program is in the hands of Barney Dales, a past president of the JCC and Jeff Engel, chairman of Maccabi Ontario.

Competitive teams will be chosen from each Club Group to participate in the North American Maccabi Youth Games, to be held in Chicago, Ill. from Aug. 18-25.

The Chicago organizing committee has scheduled competition in four team sports: basketball, volleyball, soccer and softball and in swimming, track and field, gymnastics, tennis, racquetball, squash, table tennis and the martial arts.

Previous Youth Games were held in Memphis and Detroit and in Toronto in 1986. The Toronto games attracted more than 2,000 athletes from as far away as Israel, Brazil and Australia.

The North American Youth Games were inaugurated in 1981 and are sponsored by JWB, the umbrella organization for JCCs and YM-YWHAs; Maccabi World Union; The United States Committee Sports for Israel; and Maccabi Canada.

The games afforded the opportunity for Jewish youth from all over the world to come together to share their Jewish culture and heritage.

For more information and registration particulars, contact Harold Cipin at 636-1880.

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The North Y Branch of the JCC is offering a basketball house league for boys and girls age 10-15. Games take place every Sunday beginning at 1.30 p.m.

For more information, call 636-1880, ext. 251 or 235.

Foot-stomping good time in store for kids at Bloor Y

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

It promises to be a hand-clapping, foot-stomping good time at the Bloor Y Branch of the Jewish Community Centre on Sunday Nov. 15 as Ken and Chris Whiteley's Junior Jug Band kicks off the Y's Concert Series for Kids.

These stage veterans are "honey and jam type singers" who will blend traditional and uniquely performed new tunes that will fascinate and charm the kids. The band has been performing for children since 1967 with their rousing and entertaining repertoire that includes a program filled with home made musical instruments.

Second on the Y agenda on Feb. 14 are Kim and Jerry Brodey (Family Pie) who combine high spirited songs with inventive theatre.

Billed by the Y as "a couple of Canada's finest troubadours" they'll get your kids' fingers snapping and feet tapping. Showing another side of their talents, Family Pie explore social and political problems in imaginative skits and songs involving all the children in their drama.

The Concerts for Kids agenda winds up on April 17 when Eric Nagler takes to the stage. Nagler, described as having a "flair for the silly," shares the stage with a profusion of odd concoctions that somehow make music while making the audience's eyes gape in delight.

All concerts will be held in the Bloor Y's auditorium at Bloor St. and Spadina. Performances begin at 2 p.m. and tickets for the series are available at the Bloor branch; the North Y branch, 4588 Bathurst St.; the North-East/Valley branch, 7015 Leslie St.; or by phoning 924-6211.

Cost is $19.99 per member and $24 for non-members for all three shows.

Holiday Bond pledges reported up by 15%

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —

Pledges for Israel Bond purchases during the recent High Holiday campaign were up about 15% from last year, says an official of Canada-Israel Securities.

More than 5,600 Toronto residents pledged more than $4.3 million (U.S.) for Bonds during the campaign which peaked on Yom Kippur Oct. 2, said Larry Waller, Ontario region executive director.

Last year about 4,900 people pledged $3.9 million (U.S.) for Bonds during the same period.

"We're higher than last year because I think more people have been made aware of the various ways they can participate in Bond programs," Waller said. "They can also enjoy a higher interest rate than they have been accustomed to in the past."

New Bond brochures have also helped people understand "how Bonds build a nation," he added.

Waller said 32 synagogues in the Toronto area took part in the High Holiday campaign, with the Beth Tzedec Congregation leading all others in Bond pledges.

Also in the top 10 were Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, Holy Blossom Temple, Adath Israel Congregation, Beth Tikvah Synagogue, Beth Sholom Synagogue, Beth Emeth-Bais Yehuda Synagogue, Beth David B'Nai Israel Beth Am, B'nai Torah Congregation and Temple Sinai Congregation of Toronto.

Leading synagogues in the Bonds program will receive Canada-Israel Securities' newly created award of a shofar.

Waller said Israel Finance Minister Moshe Nissim helped bolster this year's High Holiday campaign during his first visit to Toronto Sept. 15 to 17.

Nissim, who gave "selective talks" to leaders of Toronto's business, financial and Jewish communities, spoke of Israel's economic performance during the past two years.

Israel now has cash reserves of more than $4 billion (U.S), this year's exports are expected to show a 9% increase from last year and for the first time in recent memory the budget is balanced.

Waller said the minister not only aided the Bond campaign on a short term basis, but on a long term one as well.

"He had a very successful awareness meeting with a group of new leadership for Bonds which will certainly bring out new leaders or potential leaders for Israel Bonds in the near future."

Israel Bond officials are continuing this year's campaign in Toronto, hoping to sell between $28 and $30 million (U.S.) in Bonds and promissary notes.

They are also beginning to plan next year's campaign.

"It will be the 40th anniversary of Israel and we hope it will be an absolute banner year for Toronto," Waller said.

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Rock for Research gala rolls in $350,000 plus

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —

As more than 1,600 people swung to nostalgic 50s Rock 'n' Roll recently, more than $350,000 was raised for cancer research at Mount Sinai Hospital.

The $200-a-ticket event — held at the ritzy Toronto Westin Harbour Castle Convention Centre — featured American Bandstand host Dick Clark, along with guest artists Chubby Checker, Freddy Cannon, The Shirelles, The Saul Helman Band and announcer Roger Ashby of CHUM-FM.

The "Rock for Research" extravaganza was capped with organizer Norman Hollend's check presentation of the evening's proceeds to hospital board chairman Hy Isenbaum. The funds will go to cancer research at the Mount Sinai Research Institute.

While charity was the main purpose of the event, many of the participants — 60% of whom were Jewish — saw it as the ideal opportunity to have some 50s fun.

"It's a fantastic party," exclaimed Patty Rubin, a law student and mother of two, who wore a stylish 1950s moss green button-down-back cashmere sweater.

"I would have loved to have gone to something like this in the 50s."

"It's terrific, it's fabulous, it's marvelous," lavished Leon Kieselstein, a 40-year-old stockbroker and lawyer.

"I'm seeing people here I haven't seen in many many years — old friends from a long time ago. I also got to see a picture of myself when I graduated in grade 13 at Downsview collegiate. I looked terrific," he joked.

Guests dance to 50s rock'n'roll at cancer research fund raiser at the Toronto Harbour Castle Westin Convention Centre.

Among the many guests to turn out was Mr. T, who came decked in full TV costume complete with mohawk haircut, tights and his gaudy trademark jewelry.

"I'm just relaxing," the popular star told The CJN.

In town filming his latest movie T and T, the A-Team actor, accompanied by a female companion, tried to remain incognito atop a bleacher at the back of the dimly-lit ballroom. But eager fans soon spotted him, coaxing him to the dance floor for a few numbers.

Other guests at the packed gala event included Paul Godfrey, publisher of the Toronto Sun; Leo Del-Zotto, executive vice-president of Tridel Corp.; dentists Brian Price, president, and Howard Rocket, board chairman, of Tri Dont Holdings Inc.; Ben Swirsky, vice-chairman of Bramalea Ltd.; Edward Sonshine, Allan Silber and Brendan Calder, executives of Counsel Trust Co.; Lloyd Fogler, of Fogler Rubinoff lawyers, and Murray Koffler, founder of the Shoppers Drug Mart chain, to name a few.

Guests — from all walks of life — ranged in age from about 25 to 50, with many business people, professionals and their spouses.

The popular setting was a high school gym. The entranceway was a locker room adorned with flashy 50s memorabilia including two dazzling 1956 automobiles — a gleaming white M-G and a midnight black Thunderbird.

Decorations included a flamingo pink gas pump, old juke boxes, post-war neon signs and enlarged photos from Forest Hill, Vaughan Road, Harbord, Northview, William Lyon Mackenzie and Bathurst Heights high schools.

"I think the setting of the gym is ingenious," said Marc Evan Cohen, owner of Galerie Evan in Yorkville.

"When I was in high school, they started holding proms in hotel ballrooms," said the 24-year-old, one of eight in his group to come dressed in black biker's clothes with greased-back hair.

"This is the first high school prom evening I've been to in a gym setting and it's put together by the Mount Sinai Hospital."

Fast food booths — located behind bleachers surrounding the dance floor — served hotdogs, hamburgers, ice cream, buttertarts, beer and — you guessed it — Twinkies.

The 6-hour non-stop dancing began at 7 p.m. with radio personality Ashby hosting memorable recordings from the 50s. The Saul Helman Band, with six additional musicians, also entertained.

Clark's stage show included two giant video screens with old videos of the show's stars as well as their live performances.

Chubby Checker wowed the audience luring several women off the dance floor who couldn't resist a chance to twist with the immitable singer.

Later, hoolahoop contests — for both women and men — continued to thrill the crowd.

"It's fantastic — it's a good time and good entertainment," said Violette Greenspan who came with husband, Brian, vice-president of Alan Ungerman Realty, one of the event's corporate sponsors.

"I grew up with the music and I wanted to see the real live entertainment — I wanted to see Dick Clark. He hasn't aged — he's still a teenager," said the 34-year-old mother of two.

"I was in diapers in the 50s," said Heather Goose, 35, who came with her lawyer husband, Martin.

"I wanted to come and see what it was like to be a teenager back then."

David Marks, Mount Sinai's resource and development director, said he came with wife, Helen, to show his support "for the people who have organized and put on this utterly fantastic event."

Hollend, head of Hollend Realty Inc., began organizing the event about two years ago, travelling back and forth to Los Angeles to finalize plans. He coaxed friends and business associates to join in the venture, luring more than 75 volunteers to form committees.

Calling itself the Friends of Mount Sinai, the group researched school year books and old newspapers coming up with ideas.

More than 50 corporate sponsors, including many first-time donors, contributed about $265,000 covering the evening's costs with money to spare. Products were also donated.

As a result, every dollar raised in ticket sales will go to cancer research. Guests will receive a $150 tax deductible receipt.

During the event, Isenbaum announced that a cancer research fellowship had been created in honor of Hollend and his wife Debbie.

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Organizations and People

Young women's chapter formed

Hamilton Hadassah gets breath of fresh air

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — The good news for Hamilton Hadassah-WIZO is that there's a new group of young women coming up.

Concern over declining interest in volunteer work as members were either getting tired or increasingly caught up in careers has given way to a new enthusiasm among a new generation of young women who are managing to combine family and career while also finding time to be volunteers.

During the past year's national membership drive, then vice-president of Hamilton Hadassah-WIZO Council Ilona Feldman and president Beverly Lasky made it their goal to form a new chapter.

Ilona Feldman

The volunteer of the 80s, Feldman told members at her installation last summer, "brings with her a broader education and a wider range of business and professional experience than did her predecessor."

These women seek greater intellectual fulfilment and a higher sense of accomplishment and, because their time is limited, "they require a sense of quality from their involvement. It is up to us," she added, "to take them on their terms and to challenge them so that they can contribute in their own meaningful way."

Feldman has an MA in library science from McGill University, she is married to internist Dr. David Feldman, and is the mother of a 13-year-old son, Jonathan, and an 11-year-old daughter, Kayla. Running a large home and working part-time as a librarian with the Hamilton public library, Feldman herself is one of that new breed of volunteer.

A native of Ottawa, she first became interested in Zionism when she spent three months on a kibbutz shortly after the Six Day War in 1967 while travelling for seven months with a girlfriend after taking her BA.

She joined Hadassah 18 years ago when she moved to Hamilton with her husband. Her mother-in-law, Hannah Feldman, has been the long-time president of Sharon Chapter and sister-in-law Marcia Halpren is a member of Anna Herskowitz Chapter.

Feldman held various positions before serving as president of Anna Herskowitz Chapter but it wasn't until she attended the WIZO International Aviv Seminar in Israel in 1985 that she "resolved that Hadassah-WIZO would become an important part of my life." The following year she was appointed to the national executive.

Now that she's achieved her first goal of forming a new chapter, the next thing "Is to try and meet our budget this year," Feldman said with a laugh. She'd like to bring back some of the older members who've drifted away and "to create an awareness that we are still a viable group in Hamilton and that Israel can rely on us."

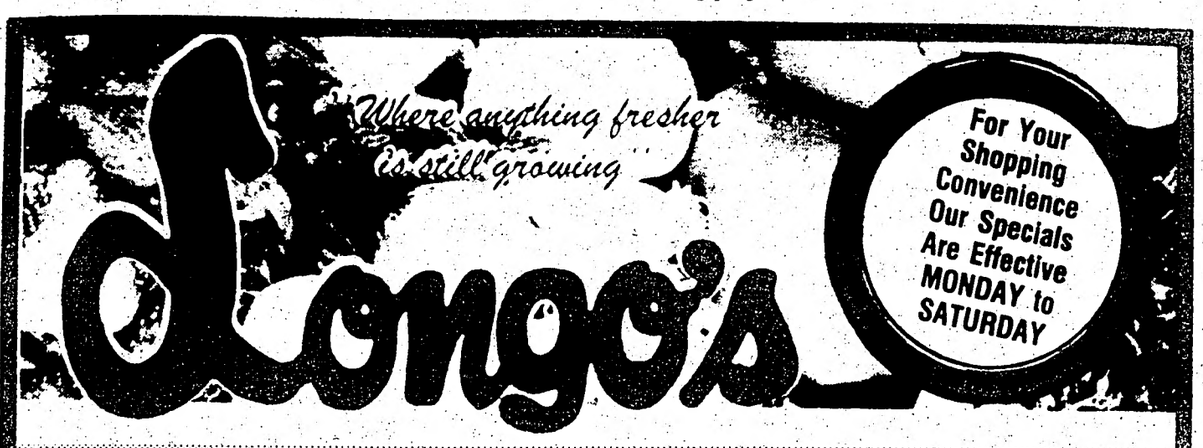
The bazaar on Nov. 2 at the Hamilton Convention Centre is coming up and after that she looks forward to the Biennial Convention in Montreal and the Hadassah trip to Israel.

Later in the year there's the annual Youth Aliyah breakfast and a fund raising event in aid of medical services in Israel, while preparation of the 14th edition of the Hamilton and district Jewish telephone directory, a major fund raising project of Hamilton Hadassah, begins in January under the chairmanship of past president Elizabeth Tick and Cindy Mark.

Goals different

There are now about 20 new members in the newly formed Aviva Chapter, most of them in their 20s and 30s. "It is very nice," says Feldman, "that they can find a little bit of time for volunteerism" and now that she is president, the important thing is to get them to remain committed.

But they're a different kind of volunteer than those of previous generations, she observes.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Organizations and People

Society for Yad Vashem reception

Urgent need for aliya now, says Gur-Arieh

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

There is an urgent need for Jews in the Diaspora to make aliya to offset the rising birth rate of Israel's enemies, Israel Gur-Arieh, ambassador to Canada, told a reception of the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem in Toronto recently.

It was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Smuschkowitz, Steele Valley Rd., Thornhill. Mr. Smuschkowitz is national co-chairman of the society.

Citing dangers posed to Israel, Gur-Arieh said that Syria now has 25 divisions, plus 20 armored with Soviet tanks, compared with only 20 divisions 10 years ago.

The possibility exists that chemical warfare will be used against Israel since Iraq is using gas against Iran, Gur-Arieh said. "If we hadn't destroyed their nuclear capability, Iraq would be using nuclear weapons against Iran," he said.

Canadians are being asked to donate $2 million over the next 10 years to help finance four projects to complete the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial centre in Jerusalem. The total cost will be $20 million which will be raised world wide, said Dr. Joel Dimitry, national co-chairman.

Dimitry said Yad Vashem scholars are writing a 24-volume history of the Holocaust, and as the Jewish people face new perils of anti-semitism, it is necessary for Jews to write their own history. "We must pass on Yad Vashem to surviving generations."

Looking at events in the Persian Gulf today, with the U.S. committing its navy to safeguard passage to and from Kuwait, Gur-Arieh said he could not help recalling that in the 1967 six-day war, Israel waited in vain for President Lyndon Johnson to send even one ship to break the boycott against the Jewish state.

He said the 20th century is one of the most evil epochs in history, considering the mass extermination of Jews and the two world wars. Speaking of a visit to Soviet bloc countries, Gur-Arieh said anti-semitism is flourishing in Poland under the name of anti-Zionism.

On a lighter note, the ambassador opened his remarks by noting that Abba Eban was a previous speaker at the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem, and Eban's English and his own could be compared to the stock market two weeks ago and today.

Alex Eisen, national fund-raising chairman, exhibited a Yad Vashem pin ($1,000), a medallion for a coffee table ($3,000), and a menorah lamp ($6,000). These gift donations can be paid out over several years, he said.

Other members of the society's executive are Sam Pasternack, representing Jewish War Veterans, Isaac Jesin, Sender Kowarsky, Peter Smushkowitz and Ron Csillag, members at large.

Co-hosts at the reception were Mr. and Mrs. Murray Cornblum, Dr. and Mrs. Joel Dimitry, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Eisen, Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Erem, Warren Green, Vivien Ziner Green, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Greenbaum, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Jesin, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pasternack, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Smushkowitz, Mr. and Mrs. Manley Tessler and Mr. and Mrs. John Ziner.

Music at Holy Blossom

TORONTO —

A review of cantorial classics by Cantor Sheldon Merel, Friday, Dec. 4, 8.30 p.m., will launch Holy Blossom Temple's Oneg Shabbat series. Supplementing it will be a number of other programs, comprising the synagogue's Our Musical Heritage 1987-88 series.

On Monday, Dec. 7, Merel, cantor of San Diego's Temple Beth Israel, willjoin Holy Blossom's Cantor Benjamin Maissner, Adath Israel's Cantor Eliezer Kirshblum, and Beth Tzedec's Cantor Paul Kowarsky in an evening of chassidic and Israel music.

The Jewish Composer in Canada will be presented in a concert of instrumental, choral and vocal works, on Sunday, Jan. 31 at 8 p.m.

On Friday, Jan. 29, at 8.30, Rabbi Daniel Freelander of the Union of American Hebrew Congregation's (Reform) joint commission on synagogue music will launch Sha'arey Shira — Gates of Song, musical companion to the Gates of Prayer siddur. Emphasis will be on congregational singing.

Toronto composer Srul Glick will demonstrate Personal Experiences in Composing for the Synagogue, at 8.30 p.m., Friday, March 5, in conjunction with Jewish Music Month.

The music of composer Ernest Bloch will be featured in a concert celebrating Holy Blossom's 50th anniversary, Sunday, May 15 at 8 p.m. A Sacred Service will be performed by the Schelomo Symphony, with cellist Daniel Domb, with Maissner, the Holy Blossom Temple Singers, and the Toronto Concert Orchestra conducted by James McKay.

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Rabbis to discuss polarization

Unity is objective of CJC regional plenary

TORONTO —

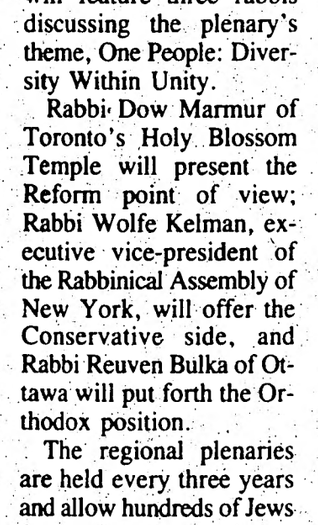
Finding common ground and concentrating on areas of cooperation, not division, among all Jews will be at the heart of the kick-off session on Nov. 28 of Canadian Jewish Congress (Ontario Region's) 26th triennial plenary.

The Saturday evening program prior to the official opening of the gathering on Sunday, Nov. 29, will feature three rabbis discussing the plenary's theme, One People: Diversity Within Unity.

Rabbi Dow Marmur of Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple will present the Reform point of view; Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, executive vice-president of the Rabbinical Assembly of New York, will offer the Conservative side, and Rabbi Reuven Bulka of Ottawa will put forth the Orthodox position.

The regional plenaries are held every three years and allow hundreds of Jews from across the province a chance to convene, discuss matters of common concern and map strategy for the next three years.

One such area is the differences that exist between Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Jews, and all three rabbis want to publicly discuss the polarization that seems to be taking place between the branches, but they also want to emphasize areas of reconciliation.



Rabbi Reuven Bulka

"The problem," Rabbi Bulka told The CJN in an interview, "is to establish certain guidelines for working with common denominators in spite of the other issues, and to see to it that theological differences between the three do not impact on our support for issues like Israel, Soviet Jewry and social action."

Bulka acknowledged that marked differences remain between Judaism's three main branches. "Each community has its own agenda," he said, "so we have to infuse deliberations with a spirit of mutual respect."

Rabbi Dow Marmur

Rabbi Wolfe Kelman

Issues such as conversion, patrilineal descent and the question of Who is a Jew are sticking points in inter-Jewish relations, Bulka added. "We have to come to a consensus on these but (on) halachic norms, and in a spirit of cooperation."

In his book of a few years ago, "The Coming Cataclysm," he warned of a huge and permanent gulf developing between Jews, largely because of conversion methods that are unacceptable to Orthodox Jews, and other issues that will cast doubt on a person's Jewishness, effectively disenfranchising millions of Jews from the mainstream.

"Yes, these are sore points," Bulka stated. "But are we going to allow sore points to separate us? I don't mind being a nag. I just hope I'm wrong.

"Orthodox, Conservative and Reform represent different theologies. We have to alert the rabbinate to rally the troops before it's too late."

Rabbi Marmur too wants "to concentrate on areas of cooperation, not only in civil matters but also how we can cooperate religiously. One way religious groups can purify themselves is by opening themselves to critique."

How the three main groups can cooperate better, Marmur suggested, is by trying to avert a split in the Diaspora over the Who is a Jew controversy in Israel, which seeks to redefine a person's Jewishness to exclude anyone converted by non-Orthodox methods.

Marmur also recommends a joint religious court (Beth Din) to determine Jewish status.

"There are extremists on all sides," he said. Reform issues like patrilineal descent and the ordination of women are bound to cause friction, but "you can't keep Jews Jewish unless you keep them religious. We must find ways to support and strengthen each other, not to weaken each other."

Mutual respect is what Rabbi Kelman seeks from the plenary session. "I don't believe we're headed for a disaster. Jews have always had their differences and have thrived on their differences," said Kelman, whose brother is Rabbi Joseph Kelman at Beth Emeth Synagogue in Toronto.

"There already is a tremendous amount of cooperation but there's plenty of bashing on all sides. There are tensions, obviously, but I'm more impressed with the things we do together. The dissent is healthy."

The climate has improved a great deal in the past 40 years, Kelman said.

"When I was growing up in Toronto, the Jews at Holy Blossom had nothing to do with the Jews below Bloor or especially on Spadina."

All three rabbis agreed that what brings Jews from all walks together are non-religious matters: Israel, Soviet Jewry, anti-semitism and "threats to Jewish dignity," Kelman said.

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Fashion division chairman Hy Balsky (left) and Harry Rosen (right), chat with UJA campaign co-chairman Harold Lederman.

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UJA Fashion Division soars

By ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO —

The revitalization of United Jewish Appeal's Fashion Division, co-chaired by Hy Balsky and Harry Rosen, reflects what's been happening on the Toronto fashion scene.

"There's been tremendous change and growth in the past 10 years as well as a big shift of fashion houses from Montreal to Toronto," said Balsky. "There's no doubt that this city has become the fashion centre of Canada."

In the past, fashion was fragmented and divided into eight or nine separate categories, each one autonomous and each with its own chairman. To make for a more viable and efficient method of operation, the decision was made last year to coordinate all facets of the trade under one comprehensive Fashion umbrella. That necessitated reorganization and thorough research, which is still in progress.

Working with the chairman is an executive committee of seven, each responsible for the specific area of the fashion trade in which he or she is involved.

The committee consists of Charles Diamond — family apparel; Marvin Goodman, Lynda Halpern and Hershy Weinberg — women's apparel; Al Israel and David Wolpin — men's apparel; Herman Krehm — furs.

"For months now the committee has been hard at work adding a whole nucleus of new people who are in the trade — manufacturing and retail — and we've come up with a very substantial list of new names," Balsky stated.

That, say the chairmen, has been one of the primary goals for this campaign, and the long arduous task of research is paying off. "We're setting the division up for the future."

Balsky dates his association with UJA back to 1967, but says his direct campaign involvement has been "off and on" until this year. He credits his "good friend" Harold Lederman, 1988 campaign co-chairman, with convincing him that this was the year to take on a key role in the campaign.

President of both Wings Neckwear Ltd. and Pegasus of Canada, Balsky says he is keenly aware of the huge potential of the Fashion Division as an integral component of the UJA campaign.

Harry Rosen, a retail entrepreneur, is president of Harry Rosen Gentlemen's and Women's Apparel — 26 shops located in eight cities across Canada. Like Balsky, his UJA involvement, going back a number of years, has been low-key until the current campaign.

Rosen voiced his complete confidence "in meeting our campaign target" as well as his satisfaction with "how successful we have been in reorganizing" the division. He expressed his gratification at the "tremendous show of support from new people of all ages" who've been contacted.

As a "reward" for all the hard work, committee members and their spouses were invited to a "Fashion Night Out," a social get-together at the Park Plaza Hotel on Nov. 4.

According to the chairmen, a "really big UJA fashion event" is planned for the early spring of 1988, the format of which is still on the drawing board.

Famed linguistics scholar Hans Stern dies at age 74

TORONTO —

A memorial service for Prof. Hans (David) Stern was held at OISE (the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education) recently. Dr. Stern, an internationally famous scholar of linguistics, was 74.

Born into a highly respected German-Jewish family in Kassel, Stern received his early education in Berlin during the period of the Weimar Republic. He fled Hitler's Germany in 1933 and found refuge in England. Using his talent for languages, he served with British intelligence during World War II.

Following the war, Stern pursued a career in education. In 1968 he was lured away from teaching linguistics at the University of Essex to become the founding director of OISE's Modern Language Centre, a post he was to hold for 13 years.

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Stern's teaching career spanned 45 years and continued until he suffered a stroke in 1986. He had a reputation as an animated and charismatic teacher with a lively sense of humor.

Stern tragically lost his first wife and young daughter in the 1950s. Besides his second wife Rhoda, he leaves sons Richard, Roger and Philip, daughter Helen, four grandchildren, and a sister Elisheva on Kibbutz Mishmar Haemek.

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Organizations and People

Anniversary plus Rappaport's appointment as rabbi emeritus

Winnipeg's Rosh Pina to mark double simcha

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —
The congregation of the Rosh Pina Synagogue is holding a double celebration on the weekend of Dec. 4-6 — its 36th anniversary at its present location (the congregation's roots go back to 1892) and the appointment of its spiritual leader, Rabbi Shalom Rappaport, to the position of rabbi emeritus as of Jan. 1, 1988.

Rappaport has served the Rosh Pina congregation and Winnipeg's Jewish community for 21 years. He was accorded life tenure in November, 1976.

Born in Brooklyn, Rappaport received his rabbinic education in the Yeshiva and Mesivta Rabbi Chaim Berlin, concluding his studies in Brooklyn. He has a BA in psychology as well from Brooklyn College and took graduate courses in psychology and pastoral counselling at the University of Pittsburgh.

He received his smicha in 1951 and served small congregations in Pennyslvania and in San Diego before coming to the Rosh Pina in 1967.

Since coming to Winnipeg, he has served at various times as chairman of the Council of Rabbis, and been a member of the Vaad Ha'ir, the board of directors of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council and the Talmud Torah-Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate.

Rappaport has also served as national vice-chairman and Western Canadian representative for the State of Israel Bonds Rabbinic Cabinet, has led annual tours to Israel for a number of years, and was the first rabbi to become a chaplain with the Manitoba Curling Association.

In 1981, Rappaport and his long-time colleague, Rabbi Peretz Weizman of the Bnay Abraham Synagogue, were the honorees at the 29th Negev Dinner in recognition of their contributions to the community and Israel.

The weekend event to be held in Rappaport's honor is being planned as a major social, cultural, and spiritual affair appealing to all segments of the community.

"It will be a community-wide celebration," said Aryeh Meller, president of the shul. "We are involving representatives of all major Jewish organizations in Winnipeg in our planning and participation."

Rabbi Shalom Rappaport

Among the activities planned are a special Friday night Oneg Shabbat with cantor and choir, Shabbat morning services with guest chazzan Louis Danto of Toronto's Beth Emeth-Bais Yehuda congregation, a Torah retreat and leadership program in the afternoon and a gala concert in the evening.

Sunday there will be a morning breakfast and dialogue and a dinner with keynote speakers Samuel Dresner, author and authority on chassidism, and Reuven Kimelman, lecturer and associate professor of Talmud and Midrash at Brandeis University.

The weekend event will also see the establishment of a trust fund in the rabbi's name to be opened with the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba, with monies earned from the fund's capital to set up the "Rabbi Shalom Rappaport Lecture Series." The series is seen as an annual event for the community, featuring leading intellectuals from around the world.

Funds are being raised for the trust fund through publication of a Souvenir Book containing messages from heads of government and institutions throughout North America, as well as a history of the Rosh Pina Synagogue and articles by contributing scholars and pedagogues.

Members of the synagogue and the community as well as former members of the synagogue living elsewhere in North America are invited to participate in the Souvenir Book with the purchase of congratulatory messages.

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Organizations and People

Shopping called major problem

Cultural shock hits Canadian TAU students

TORONTO —

This month marks the formation of Alumni Association of Tel Aviv University Overseas Student Program.

Under the umbrella of the Canadian Friends of TAU, this group will assist in both publicizing the program among students and in providing scholarships as well as increase the base of the Friends, a press release states.

The Canadian students — for the last two years, 30 to 40 Canadians have attended the program — contribute greatly to the adademic activity and have made a strong impact on the social and cultural activities of the program.

Seven of this year's group studied Hebrew in preparation for their courses which began last month. The seven are: Debbie Genshon, Brian Herman, Jacqueline Korn and Terry Schact of Toronto; Neri Loves and Tammy Pascal of Ottawa; and Lorne Green of Montreal.

In an interview, they discussed the culture shock they experienced in the first month in Israel. All agreed that shopping was a major problem for them as all labels are in Hebrew.

For instance, Schact went to buy dish detergent and came home with liquid bleach. She then said that she's already made friends in the supermarket and asks them whenever in doubt.

The Canadians listed the things they miss (favorite foods, 2-day weekends), but said Israeli are extremely warm and friendly and go out of their way to help strangers. The students found Israelis much more family-oriented than Canadians.

They said that Israel wasn't what they expected from news coverage. Their lives are normal and relaxed; they aren't aware of security problems and they're amazed at how quickly they've become accustomed to seeing young soldiers in the streets.

As well, all said Israel feels like home.

"Being a Jew in Toronto is a totally different thing than being a Jew in Israel," Genshon said. "I don't thing that religion here is something they keep at home and that they practice. Here everyone is naturally Jewish; they live by the Jewish calendar and Jewish holidays are national holidays."

Schact added: "Their religion is their life. Back at home, we're Canadians, but we're Jewish. Here they're Jewish first."

They said they chose the program because of the smaller number of foreign students here, which they hoped would ease their assimilation into the Israeli student body. As well, TAU assigns each foreign student an Israeli roommate and the diverse Tel Aviv nightlife is appealing.

Schact, whose father operates a muffin chain in Toronto, and Genshon are going into business. In their quest for favorite foods, they discovered that the muffin has not made its appearance in Israel.

The manager of the local supermarket offered them his premises to bake their muffins and promised that if they prove popular with the customers, the students can open their own muffin counter.

These three students (left to right) Tammy Pascal, Lisa Sourani and Neri Loves, are participants in Tel Aviv University's overseas student program.

Winnipeg's Lyons honored for skill, devotion to patients

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

"Dedication," "kindness," "skill as a teacher" and "talent" were words uttered over and over again as about 150 colleagues, nurses, former patients and old friends gathered recently at Winnipeg's Westin Hotel to honor Dr. Ben Lyons who retired from active practice last June after 56 years in the medical profession.

Lyons graduated in medicine from the University of Alberta in Edmonton in 1931. He was born in the small Saskatchewan community of Rosthern and raised there and in Prince Albert, and it was to rural Saskatchewan that he first returned with his MD.

He began his career at the height of the Depression as a country doctor in Birch Hills, Sask., a town of 500 people 30 miles from Prince Albert.

"It might sound romantic," he told his well-wishers, "driving out to farmhouses in the mud in the spring and fall and in an open cutter in the winter. The reality was quite different. You would freeze getting to those farmhouses. The farmer would have to break out a bottle of scotch to get you going again."

Payment in those days was often in chickens and eggs, which Lyons was quite happy to accept.

That spirit of dedication and devotion to his patients which typified rural physicians remained with Lyons throughout his career. Former patient Joe Kesten praised Lyons for those qualities. "He would look in on me 11 and 12 at night when I was in hospital and used to call me at home to see how I was," said Kesten.

Lyons remained in rural Saskatchewan for 14 years. He had always yearned to do postgraduate work in medicine and cardiology however. The time came in 1945. He packed up his wife, Sybil (whom he married in 1937) and son, Roger, and went to study at the University of Pennsylvania.

Medical pioneer

From Pennsylvania, he joined the staffs of the Victoria and St. Boniface hospitals in Winnipeg and the teaching staff of the University of Manitoba's medical school.

He left the St. Boniface Hospital six or seven years ago, but he remained on staff at the Victoria Hospital right up until last June, a period of 40 consecutive years. Among the highlights of his career were the creation of a department of internal medicine at the Victoria and the introduction of stress tests in Manitoba.

Other career highlights include his certification (1946) and Fellowship (1948) in the Royal College of Physicians in Canada and a Fellowship (1954) in the American College of Physicians. In 1977, he was presented with the Queen's Silver Jubilee medal for outstanding achievement in medicine.

His son, Dr. Roger Lyons, is an internationally known hematologist practicing in San Antonio, Texas.

Lyons has had a lifelong passion for sports. As a youth, he excelled in track and field, particularly in the pole vault. He used to curl and still enjoys golf, health and weather permitting. He is looking forward to using his time to perfect his golf game.

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Operation Springboard helps give parolees hope

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

He's out. He's scared. And he's got no place to go.

These words appeared on the invitation to a week-long list of community events by Operation Springboard, a charitable non-profit organization that works with people in conflict with the law.

The agency offers a wide variety of programs and services that reduces the cost of crime in both economic and human terms, says David Arbuckle, the executive director of Operation Springboard and former head of Metro's John Howard Society.

Springboard has been in existence since 1961 and registered as a charitable organization on April 1, 1987. Previously, Springboard was a program of the John Howard Society of Metro Toronto.

Toronto Mayor Art Eggleton declared it Operation Springboard Day in recognition of the organization's role in the field of corrections. The day began the week of celebrations that saw the opening of a downtown office at 270 Parliament St. and new headquarters at 201 Bridgeland Ave.

Rabbi Jordan Pearlson, spiritual leader of Temple Sinai, officiated at the opening of Springboard's 10th group home at 236 Annette St. Rheal Leblanc, commissioner of correctional services of Canada, officially opened the house named King Clancy Residence.

In an interview with The CJN, the rabbi emphasized the need for voluntary participation. Pearlson said, "It is desperately important that laymen continue to augment the government's role in keeping the society sound."

Arbuckle announced that along with services to help offenders find jobs, learn basic life skills, and educational upgrading, a new program, the Accelerated Community Integration Program (ACIP) which is a coordinated effort with the Correctional Services of Canada, will help develop inmate release plans, follow-up, and integration into the community.

Operation Springboard has a positive approach to correction — it recognizes the potential of every human being to be an integral part of society, added Arbuckle.

The celebration included a special presentation on the first anniversary of the Blue Jays Lodge at 51 Dawes Rd. by Paul Markle, the director of marketing for the Toronto Blue Jays. This open-custody residence for males 16 and 17 who come in conflict with the law is the first of its kind to be supported by a professional sports team.

Culminating the week's celebrations, the organization highlighted a Volunteer Recognition Evening at the Inn on the Park where awards were presented to more than 300 volunteers "which is the organization's most valuable asset in the program that helps inmates re-enter society," said Arbuckle.

Recently Robert Sachter, a past president of the John Howard Society and Operation Springboard, was recognized for his contribution.

"The residences are the route to go," says Barry Clayton, the president of Springboard. "It gives them the kind of support they need." Operation Springboard operates 120 beds in Metro for parolees, young offenders, and developmentally and physically handicapped offenders. "Group homes are part of the solution, not part of the problem."

When offenders have a place to go and something to do when they get there, notes Clayton, it helps prisoners when they apply for parole. "We say to them: Where are you? Where do you want to go? We'll help you get there."

Springboard has also initiated a program for women — wives and girlfriends — in a support network for men getting out of prison. "It hopefully stops the men from drifting back to their old ways," says Donna Reznick, the program manager of Operation Springboard.

Arbuckle points out that their organization is working toward reform in all aspects of the criminal justice system. "Alternatives to incarceration can only be successfully developed with the help of concerned citizens."

Rabbi Jordan Pearlson addresses ceremony at Operation Springboard group home.

Hebrew U honors dozen Canadians

NEW YORK —

Ralph Halbert of Toronto, vice-chairman of the international board of The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and his wife Roz, were among a dozen Canadians honored at a dinner in New York City when the university saluted the 80 donors from around the world who have each given it over $1 million.

The other Canadians honored were Joseph and Ida Berman, Ben and Lil Stein, the Hadassah-WIZO Organization of Canada, the Lady Davis Foundation and the Joseph E. Seagram Foundation, all of Montreal, Charles Tabachnick and family, of Toronto and Windsor, and Edward and Peter Bronfman of Toronto and Montreal.

Shimon Peres, vice-premier and foreign minister of Israel, was the keynote speaker at the event, which also marked the 20th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem and the Hebrew University's return to its campus on Mount Scopus.

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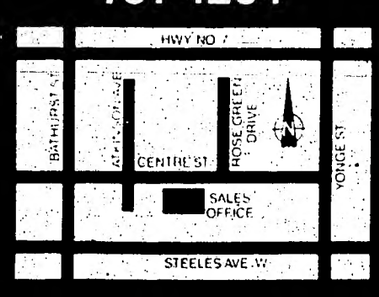

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School-wide art project at Leo Baeck

Pupils empathize with plight of Soviet Jews

I wish you could go to Israel and be free but you can't. I wish I could help more than writing letters but I can't.
— Michael Baruch

By
WENDY ROSEN

TORONTO —
From the mouths of babes.

About 350 pupils at Leo Baeck Day School recently completed a sculpture which aligns themselves with the plight of Soviet Jews and the Yuzefovitch family in particular.

Art teacher Hedy Aronoff said that the sculpture, entitled Chain of Life, utilizes 18 hollow bicycle tires tied together and stretched across a wall in which messages, prayers and for those too young to write, drawings were placed.

"They put notes in the tires just like they are placed in hollows in the Western Wall. As it happened, one week after they did it, the family was released," she said, adding that the children are taking the credit for the release and are eager to adopt another family.

Michael Baruch, a 9-year-old grade 4 student, said he has already written two letters to the Yuzefovitches. In his message, he comments that he can't do anything for them but write letters.

Asked if this is because of his age, he replied, "No. I'm not president of the USSR so I can't tell them they can get out."

Michael said the letter-writing campaign is important because "maybe he'll (Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev) will feel guilty about keeping them."

What would you do if you could?

"I would probably let all people in slavery go so there'd be peace in the world."

What would it take to solve the problem of Soviet Jewry?

"I think maybe a war. If it doesn't start a world war, then maybe it will solve the problem."

Asked how she'd feel being detained in a country against her will, 12-year-old Lisa Shostack said, "I'd feel angry ... I don't know why the USSR won't let the Jews go. I think they should be able to leave if they want to."

She said she'd read that the Soviets were letting a lot of Jews out, but at a recent Soviet Refusenik children's art exhibit there was a graph which showed they're not letting out a lot of people.

The grade 8 student said that it's sad Soviet Jews can't go when they want but that when some leave, it gives the others hope that their turn will come.

Five-year-old Benjamin Plenner said he drew a picture of the Yuzefovitch family in a horse-drawn wagon going to Israel and he printed the words, 'I hope you get out of Russia.'

("My teacher helped me with the spelling. I didn't need help with all the words," he said, adding that he could spell I and you without help.)

Asked what he thought life was like for Refuseniks, he said, "It's hard for kids because they don't have much birds and songs and very nice things to eat."

The kindergarten pupil said he feels "sad and angry they (Soviet authorities) won't let you (Soviet Jews) do what you want to do."

How is that different from your parents telling you not to do something?

"Because parents won't let you have chocolate or that but they want to get out of a world and it's way different."

Aronoff said the project was conceived by the administration at the start of the school year as "a good way to identify us as Jewish folk but also a good way to relate together ... to unify us as a school from administration to kindergarten school."

She added that the Soviet Jewry issue is one that is close to the heart of new director Rabbi Steven Garten. Last spring, as assistant rabbi of Holy Blossom Temple, Garten was part of the synagogue's 3-person delegation that went to the Soviet Union and actually met the Yuzefovitch family.

As part of the Simchat Torah celebrations, the documentary film Gates of Brass was shown and speakers gave accounts of the situation for Soviet Jews. The next morning, the children spent time doing their individual project which was later coordinated by Arnonoff.

Michael Plenner gets a helping hand from Lisa Shostack as they hold Benjamin Plenner up to see the Soviet Jewry sculpture created by students at Toronto's Leo Baeck Day School. [Wendy Rosen photo]

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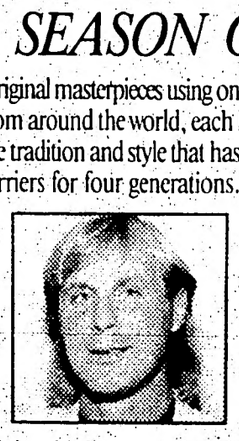

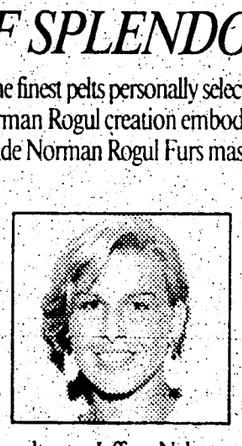

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Arts

Natural architectural forms fascinate artist

Strong, compelling images featured in Safdie exhibit

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

At the Art Gallery of Hamilton, Sylvia Safdie is directing a young staffer in the precise way to hang her paintings. That afternoon she has to speak to a group of gallery guides; the opening of her show takes place the same evening.

Apologizing for interruptions, brushing her dark hair out of her eyes with one hand, waving a thin, unlit, dark gray Indian cigarette about with the other as she talks, Safdie is intense but unhurried.

Most of the mixed works, direct from a month-long exhibition at the Saidye Bronfman Centre in Montreal, are already up. The predominant color is an earthy reddish brown, the color of the earth of North Africa and eastern Mediterranean lands, where Safdie spent her earliest years and where she travelled again last year.

They are strong and compelling images that draw the eye again and again.

Entitled Goreme, Ouzia and Eidola, this series of paintings was inspired by the "natural architectural forms, very organic forms," found in those areas, primarily in Turkey, where Safdie travelled extensively.

What fascinated her about them "is that we have this concept of houses: a roof, a box... but here are these dwellings created through forces of nature, free standing, volcanic eruptions, weathered down, of course . . ."

People live in these "houses" but until she saw them in Turkey last year, she hadn't realized "that they have this tall, absolutely erect, vital form."

Her "journals" show her earlier ideas of them. "You can see I imagined them differently," she laughs.

This is the first time Safdie is exhibiting her journals. They are "somewhat autobiographical, doodles with images," where she experiments and jots down her thoughts and ideas. An intensely personal, "ongoing thing that has a lot to do with the concept of memory."

Environment at core of work

They also deal with the process of how she works. "The process is very important to me. The most important thing is how I work." She stresses her physical involvement with her work. "That's crucial to me, almost a ritual... an extension from within." And she always works on the floor, she adds, moving around the canvas or paper.

Safdie was born in Lebanon in 1942 and lived in the Carmel mountains above Haifa until she came to Montreal with her family at the age of 11.

Even as a child, she recalls, "my life was very connected to the land." The very feeling of the earth under her bare feet, the rocks and bones and other objects she collected and hid in a cave she had discovered near her house . . . her journals, says Safdie, "have a great deal to do with that kind of collecting."

Her connection to the land, nature and man's relationship with it, constant evolution, the suggestion of things growing are at the core of Safdie's work, her travels a constant exploration of that connection.

She never takes photographs, but when she wants to remember something, "I'll buy a postcard." Or, as in Israel last year, she'll "grab" something like a leaf and a fig from a tree. Squashed, plasticized or used as stains, such figs or berries or other things she wants to remember are preserved in her journals.

Safdie began painting rather late, she explains, entering art school in Montreal at the age of 28. Now her works can be found in numerous collections in Ontario and Quebec.

Her current exhibition will be at the Art Gallery of Hamilton until Nov. 15. Gallery hours are Tuesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Thursday evenings 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.; Sundays 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

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Sylvia Safdie and paintings from her series Goreme, Ouzia and Eidola at the Art Gallery of Hamilton. [Don Charney photo]

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Baby Boom pokes fun at trendy conventions

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Charles Shyer's *Baby Boom* holds that biological imperatives are not necessarily on a collision course with business considerations.

In his latest film, Shyer — best known for *Irreconcilable Differences* and *Private Benjamin* — examines a contemporary issue and turns it into a semi-romantic comedy.

In these modern times, the busy, ambitious career woman on the fast corporate track may be disinclined toward parenthood. After all, there are more important things in life than baby bottles and diapers.

That's the way J.C. Wiatt (Diane Keaton) feels. Wiatt, a graduate of Yale and Harvard, has clawed her way toward a partnership in a Manhattan management consulting company on the strength of intelligence, hard work and, one assumes, cunning.

She lives with Steven (Harold Ramis), an investment banker who's as obsessed as she is about the 12-hour-per-day work ethic. Their spacious apartment is filled with expensive furniture and African art.

At night, after a long day at the office, they read reports ravenously. And their bloodless love-making sessions are consummated in record-breaking time.

One night, J.C. gets a long distance call from London. She's told that her long-lost British cousins, having been killed in an accident, have left her their estate. J.C. dreams of a grand inheritance.

Instead, 13-month-old Elizabeth falls into her lap. J.C. is frantic, as is Steven. What will they do?

J.C., played to frantic perfection by Keaton, resolves to give her up for adoption. But, at the very last minute, she changes her mind. It would seem that even a hard-bitten career lady cannot resist a gurgling baby girl.

In the ensuing sequences, which succeed in poking gentle fun at some of our trendy conventions, J.C. sets out to find the "right" nanny and the "right" pre-school for Elizabeth. But in the process of becoming a mother, she goes "soft," to quote her driven boss. In short order, she's demoted, moves to a creaking country cottage in Vermont, stumbles upon a winning business formula and meets Jeff (Sam Shepard), an avuncular small-town veterinarian who sweeps J.C. off her feet.

Premiered at the Festival of Festivals, and now playing at the Famous Players chain, *Baby Boom* is an amusing, empathetic romp with enough laughs to see you safely through 103 minutes.

It sags badly here and there, prompting several yawns, but it's basically good, healthy fun.

Absorbing account by historian

Advances in medicine amaze books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

The Health Century, by Edward Shorter. Doubleday of Canada.

In the time of my grandfather the major medical threats came from tuberculosis, tetanus, syphilis, pneumonia, meningitis, polio and various forms of blood poisoning. There were few specific remedies for particular diseases and almost no vaccines or antibiotics — not even aspirin.

How things have changed. Although cancer, heart disease and stroke are now the scourges of our time, we tend to take longer and healthier lives for granted. Astonishing advances in drug therapy, surgery and genetic engineering have dramatically reduced discomfort, disease and disability.

Dr. Edward Shorter, a medical historian at the University of Toronto, has written an absorbing account of medical advances over the past century, concentrating on the growth and accomplishments of the American government's National Institutes of Health, the contribution of pharmaceutical companies in the development of a wide range of wonder drugs and the extraordinary efforts of dedicated research workers and physicians.

Things I didn't know before I read this book: the discovery of Tagamet, a drug for peptic ulcers, has practically put the gastric surgeons out of business; Feldane has transformed the lives of some arthritic sufferers; beta-blockers and calcium-channel blockers now ease the heart's load and offer new hope to multitudes; Interferon, a promising bio-engineered drug with remarkable healing properties is currently being tested for AIDS, breast and skin cancer and the common cold.

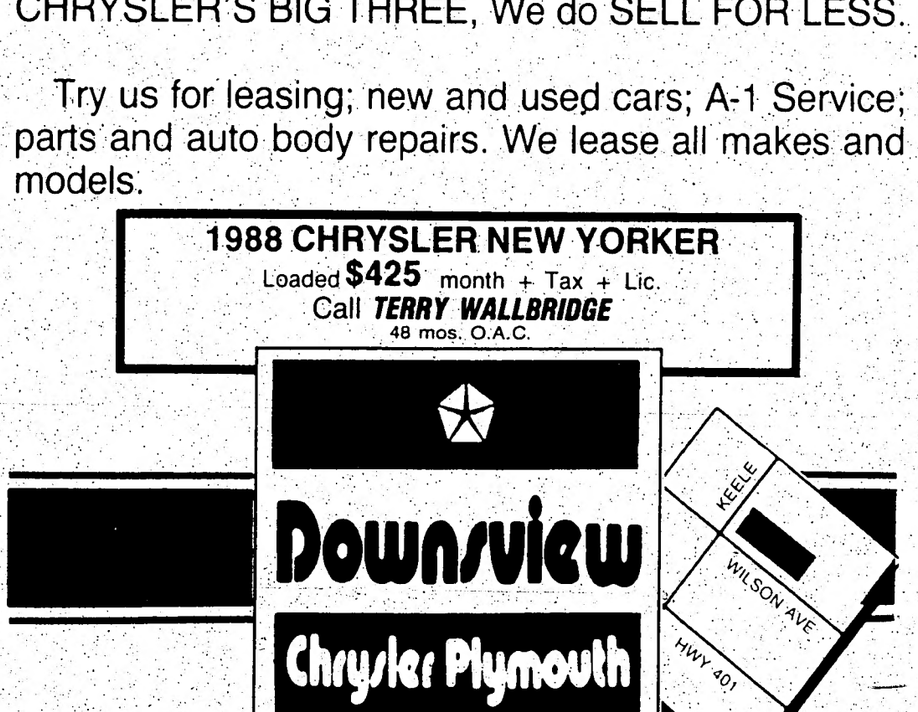
Where AIDS is concerned the author is optimistic that a cure will be found soon. "As a result of the molecular revolution of the last 20 years, we know today enough about AIDS to feel sure that some kind of therapy or vaccine is not far away. Respected scientists at the National Institutes of Health in the United States and the pharmaceutical industry reflect this kind of restrained confidence."

The number of Jewish doctors and research scientists who have been involved in the astonishing medical changes of the last century is impressive. The author mentions the problems and difficulty that some of them experienced in winning acceptance because of anti-semitism. "The reader must recall a fact that today is often passed over in silence: America was once a substantially anti-semitic society, not as bad perhaps as Europe but still a land where Jews in 1940 often felt distinctly unwelcome."

He lauds a famous biochemist, Jesse Greenstein, who found it difficult to obtain a permanent position, despite his arduous work and undoubted contributions to protein chemistry.

The author is a sure and lucid guide as he takes us from the diseases of adolescence through the intricate machinery of the brain to the mysteries of heart-failure, to the challenge of cancer and the myths of aging.

This book is well illustrated, popular in nature and refreshingly free from specialized argot and terminology. A companion volume to the PBS series, it is warmly recommended.



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Arts

Production needs better voices but ...

Broadway-bound play takes Right Step along way

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

A paramount problem, if you're producing a song-and-dance musical, is to find hoofers who can also sing.

That problem has not yet been licked by Eddie Mekka's *The Right Step*, the new locally produced, Broadway-bound musical playing until Nov. 21 at the Leah Posluns Theatre (4588 Bathurst St., 630-6752).

The dancing is terrific in this pleasantly entertaining show, which has a lot of honest, sometimes shmaltzy sentiment going for it, plus at least two catchy songs. But with the exception of Ori Seigel in the small role of a fat New York cop, none of the cast of 28 performers — to quote an earthy phrase from the show — can sing worth doodly-squat.

What it desperately needs is a belter equivalent to Louise Pitre, the star of the Leah Posluns' *Applause* musical hit last season, who had a voice and presence strong enough to carry the show.

I'm not suggesting that Eddie Mekka, the star of *The Right Step*, lacks stage presence. He's a short, likable, enormously prolific New Yorker, who has paid his showbiz dues.

He danced in Doug Henning's Broadway *Magic Show*; he made a name for himself in TV's *Laverne and Shirley* as the ex-boxing pug turned dance instructor named The Big Ragoo; and he starred in the Leah Posluns production of the biographical musical, *Groucho*.

Besides starring in the present musical, he is billed as the multi-talented dynamo who conceived and choreographed the show, wrote the book, and had a hand in composing several of its 17 original songs, in collaboration with the U.S. music-and-lyrics team of Scott De Turk and Joanna St. Claire.

He is, in short, a virtual 1-man theatre. I regret to say, though, that his vocalizing is no match for his superb dancing and acting skills.

The somewhat corny plot, which is more than somewhat derivative of *A Chorus Line* and *42nd Street*, is also nothing to write home about.

It's centred on Nicky Deluca, who operates a dance studio above Nathan Epstein's Delicatessen in Manhattan. Nicky suffers from a love-hate hangup over the memory of his late father, Joey Deluca, a gifted ex-vaudeville hoofer who abandoned his dance studio and his family when Nicky was a boy.

Joey (nicely portrayed by Phil Black, in real life a veteran dance studio instructor in Manhattan) appears as a friendly ghost throughout the show, commenting on the action, introducing the characters, and tying to wisp of a plot together.

The high point of the storyline occurs when a nasty businessman threatens to evict Nicky from his studio and erect a 25-storey condo building on the site. How Nicky foils the villain in this crisis provides a charming highlight in an otherwise cliche-ridden script.

The love interest is supplied by a pretty blonde from Texas named Bonnie who — trite shades of *42nd Street*! — arrives in New York carrying a suitcase and dreams of becoming the star of a Broadway musical. She is portrayed, a little too cutely for my taste, by DeLyse Lively, the real-life wife of Eddie Mekka.

She is a marvellous dancer, having been cast by the late great Michael Bennett for two companies of *A Chorus Line*. Alas, though, like her husband, her singing voice is just so-so.

As in *A Chorus Line*, an attempt is made here to personalize the identity of the Broadway hopefuls who attend Nicky's dance classes. But it's a half-baked attempt and none of them really emerge as individuals.

However, I enjoyed the comic relief injected by two non-dancing characters. Allan Price, who was an amusing Reb Kalmen in the Posluns production of *Kuni Leml*, is equally amusing as the avuncular deli proprietor, Nathan Epstein. And Joey Pomanti, who performed ably in the Posluns production of *Applause*, is excellent as the Groucho Marx-like buddy of Nicky.

Reva Stern keeps improving as a director of musicals. She keeps the action fast-paced and has enhanced Douglas Robinson's Manhattan skyline and Broadway theatre sets by flashing atmospheric slides on two walls.

Of the 17 songs, I felt the liveliest number was *Chicks* ("Red nails, red lips, and size 36").

The title of the show has rightly been based on the inspirational up-beat song, *The Right Step* ("Is the hardest step to take"). And the climax of the show, featuring Nicky and his phantom father Joey reunited in a tap dance duet to the evangelical beat of *Gotta Believe In Dreamin'*, is a sensational windup.

But I believe the dreamers who have put together the show still have a lot of hard work ahead, polishing and tightening until it achieves Broadway calibre. The script is riddled with too much hackneyed dialogue and too many of the songs are unhummable and unmemorable.

For Broadway, as one of the show's songs truly indicates, *Good Ain't Good Enough* ("It's gotta be great").

Eddie Mekka (left), DeLyse Lively and Phil Black co-star in the new Broadway-bound musical The Right Step at the Leah Posluns Theatre.

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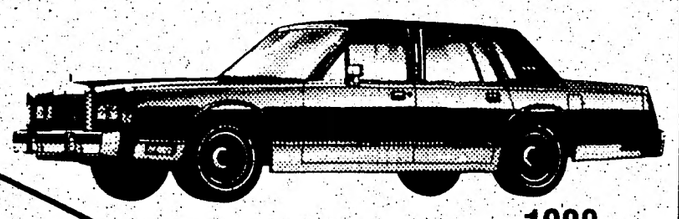
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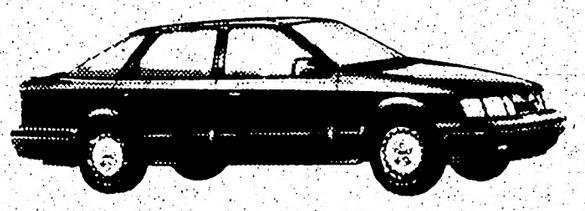
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Golden oldie revivals dated but still enjoyable plays

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

What is the magic that transmutes a commercial piece of theatre into a classic work of theatre?

What makes them so durable? Why do theatregoers keep returning to see them?

Two such golden oldies were revived last week. Though I found them both dated, I could understand why audiences continue to find pleasure in them.

Let's begin with the hoariest of the two hardy chestnuts.

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When Paul Osborn's *Morning's At Seven* was first produced on Broadway in 1939, the critics described it as an "Americanized version of Chekhov" and "merry and mellow and just possibly a bit mad."

This vintage comedy is now running until Nov. 7 at the Alumnae Theatre, the 154-seat, 87-year-old restored firehall at 70 Berkeley St., 364-4170. It has been staged, appropriately, by Toronto's oldest surviving theatrical organization, the University Alumnae Dramatic Club, whose membership is restricted to women graduates of any post-secondary school.

It's a good example of an oldfashioned, well-made play. Set in a sleepy midwestern town, it satirizes the family conflicts between four sisters, all aged either in their 60s or early 70s, and clustered together as neighbors.

I was amused by the quaint references to a "hope chest" and got a few chuckles out of the homespun, countrified expressions, such as "Honest Injun!" and "Yessiree!" And I felt that contemporary feminists would probably dispute the contention of one sister: "Marriage gives a woman dignity."

Interestingly, though, the play delivers a message that transcends its antiquated references.

I was struck by the plaintive expression of regret by one 68-year-old character: "What have I done with my life? Have I taken the wrong track? I must go back to the fork in the road and consider why I chose that path."

That poignant question is as timely today as it was 48 years ago. It still jolts you into thinking about the mistakes you have made in life, no matter how old you may be. And the cast of nine performers, ably directed by Mavis Hayman, are to be commended for bringing the aged characters to life so expertly.

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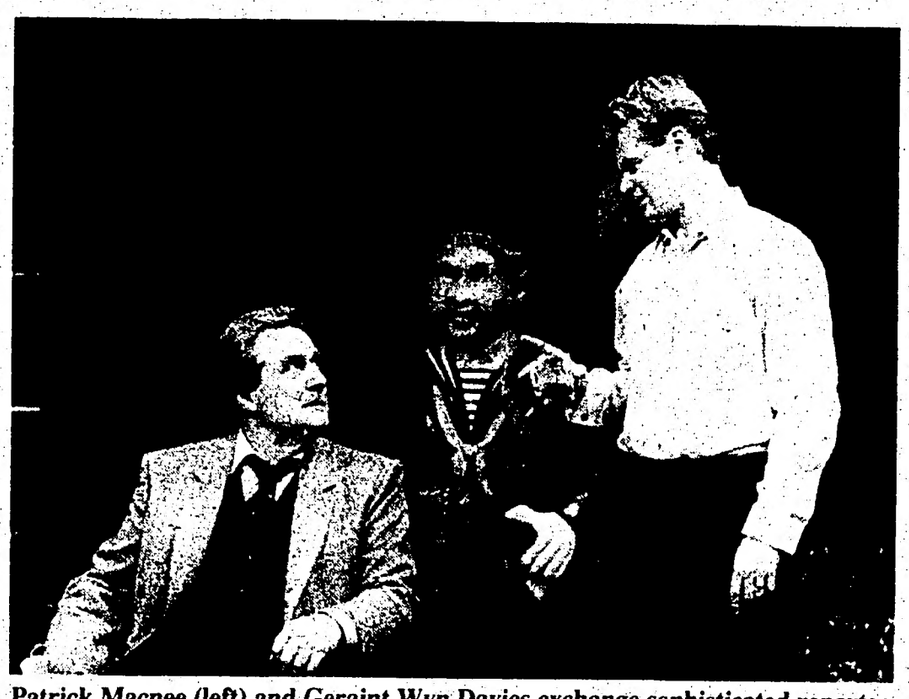
If you saw the 1972 film version of Anthony Shaffer's murder mystery, *Sleuth*, co-starring Sir Laurence Olivier and Michael Caine at their peak acting form, I suggest you skip the current local stage revival of the thriller.

It's running until Nov. 15 at the New Century Theatre, a restored, 1,200-seat, 71-year-old former vaudeville house at 147 Danforth Ave., near Broadview, 872-1212.

The two present co-stars can't equal the tour-de-force performances of Olivier and Caine in this slick and cunningly crafted suspense drama. Nevertheless, they're worthwhile seeing in it, because the play itself is such a diabolically clever specimen of the murder mystery genre, which is largely staged as a spoof nowadays.

Patrick Macnee, probably best known as the suave bon vivant in *The Avengers* TV series, is by now a seasoned hand at portraying the eccentric English mystery writer, Andrew Wyke. He played the part for 16 months when the original *Sleuth* opened on Broadway in 1970, toured with it on the road for two years, then revived it again in 1984.



Patrick Macnee (left) and Geraint Wyn Davies exchange sophisticated repartee in Sleuth at the New Century Theatre.

Geraint Wyn Davies, the blond and handsome young graduate of the Shaw-Stratford Festivals, current star of the TV series *Airwolf*, is attempting his co-star role for the first time. He portrays Milo Tindle — the seemingly callow, half-Jewish son of an Italian watchmaker — who admits he has been having an affair with Wyke's wife and would like to marry her.

Wyke invites the naive fellow to his bizarrely furnished Norman mansion to play a sinister "game of death." I won't give away the labyrinthine plot, with its tricky turnabouts and deliciously ironic climax.

But seeing it again after 15 years, I must say I was amazed at how well the old warhorse stands up. I found myself laughing repeatedly at the acerbic repartee of the mystery writer when warning the interloper he'd have to support a sloppy, shallow-minded woman with ridiculously expensive tastes.

"You're disparaging my lover!" Tindle exclaims indignantly.

"Oh?" Wyke retorts smoothly. "I thought I was just reminiscing about my wife."

Like Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap* and the Sherlock Holmes series, *Sleuth* offers no surprises once you've seen the Machiavellian plot unravel. But it provides the comfort of revisiting familiar characters and once again sharing their rituals of game-playing, and as such it is pleasurable for a nostalgic theatregoer.

Production portrays Trotsky's situation

TORONTO —

Canadian playwrights, when writing their first play, tend to be provincial and egocentric, humorless and idealess. They particularly shun political ideas.

Robert Fothergill, a 46-year-old teacher of drama and literature at York University's Atkinson College, is a refreshing exception.

His first professionally produced drama, *Detaining Mr. Trotsky*, is set in Canada and yet international in scope, and is a brilliant work of theatre stagecraft.

It's playing until Nov. 22 at the Toronto Free Theatre (26 Berkeley St., 368-7601), and I urge you to see it.

It had its genesis 10 years ago when Fothergill and his wife were browsing through a bookstore in London, England.

She rushed over to him, clutching a book, and said, "Did you know that Leon Trotsky, the Russian revolutionary, was detained in a Nova Scotia prisoner-of-war camp for almost a month in 1917 as a German spy?"

"No, I didn't," said Fothergill.

"Well," she said, "I think it could be the basis for a good play."

And so it is. Fothergill's considerable research showed that Trotsky, a key leader alongside Lenin of the Russian Revolution, was a "titanic" man.

The son of Jewish Russian farmers, Lev Davidovich Bronstein was one of those rare combinations: a thinker who was also a doer. He was a journalist of incisive intellect, a fiery orator who could arouse crowds masterfully, and the USSR's war commissar who organized the Red Army.

Expelled for criticizing Joseph Stalin's growing bureaucratic grip on the Communist Party's politburo, he was ultimately killed with a pickaxe in Mexico by an assassin hired by the vindictive Stalin.

He emerges as the hero of Fothergill's skillfully crafted play (its chief flaw being that Trotsky is overly glorified as an unblemished idealist).

We first meet him when Trotsky and his mistress, Natalya Sedova, en route from New York to Petrograd, are removed from a Norwegian ship in Halifax harbor and held incommunicado.

At the request of the British government, the revolutionary with the little goatee and great gift of eloquence is imprisoned for 26 days along with German prisoners of war in a colonial military camp at Amherst, NS.

There he is locked in a battle of wills and dialectic with the British camp commandant, Col. Arthur Henry Morris. The epitome of a blustering Colonel Blimp, Morris quotes Kipling, rails at "the French froggies of Quebec who are dreadful slackers," and is a dyed-in-the-wool anti-semite suspicious of all "Hebes."

Trotsky, the consummate debater, easily vanquishes this personification of a British Empire bigot. Some of his digs at colonial Canada are rapier-like. The Dominion is variously described as a "puppet," a "cow sitting in the path of history," and its Liberal and Conservative leaders are derided as "not politicians, but monkeys chattering on a tree."

In a burst of impatience at being trapped in this backwater instead of leading a revolution, he cries out, "In Russia, it's tomorrow morning; here it's yesterday!"

In the centre of this verbal duel is a decent, liberal-minded lieutenant of 21 named Philip Whitmore. He is a patriotic Canadian, who is intent on fighting "Kaiserism" in France, because his brother has been blinded in battle. At the same time, he is moved by Trotsky's incendiary speeches and distressed by his unfair treatment at the hands of the bullying colonel.

He is so influenced by Trotsky's plight that he secretly sends a telegram to the revolutionary's supporters. But in an ultimate act of cowardice, in order to protect his officer's status, Whitmore cravenly lets the blame fall on an innocent Jewish interpreter, David Mendel, with tragic consequences for the Jewish victim.

Director Richard Greenblatt has assembled a first-class cast of nine Canadian actors and has staged the play as a constantly gripping and powerful drama.

Angelo Rizaco's portrayal of the single-minded, impassioned Trotsky is undoubtedly the most extraordinary performance of that actor's career. It's a bravura role, and he comes across as such a persuasive idealist that he almost converts one to Communism.

But the two fine actors playing Jewish roles utter lines that balance the illusion of impending utopia with a reminder of historical reality.

Mendel the interpreter (played sensitively by David Bolt) rejects Trotsky's propaganda appeal to help build a Marxist paradise in Russia by protesting: "But I already worked so hard just to *escape* from Russia. We Jews have made a good life for ourselves here."

Mendel further reminds Trotsky to consider the cruelty of the makers of the French Revolution as revealed by history. "Ten years from now," says Mendel, "I predict the Russian commissars will be as cruel to the masses as the Cossacks were to the peasants."

And Trotsky's adoring mistress Natalya (portrayed as a crisply confident revolutionary by Karen Kenedy) shows how blind idealists can be when she announced, without irony: "There will be no Jewish persecution in the new Russia." — **F.R.**

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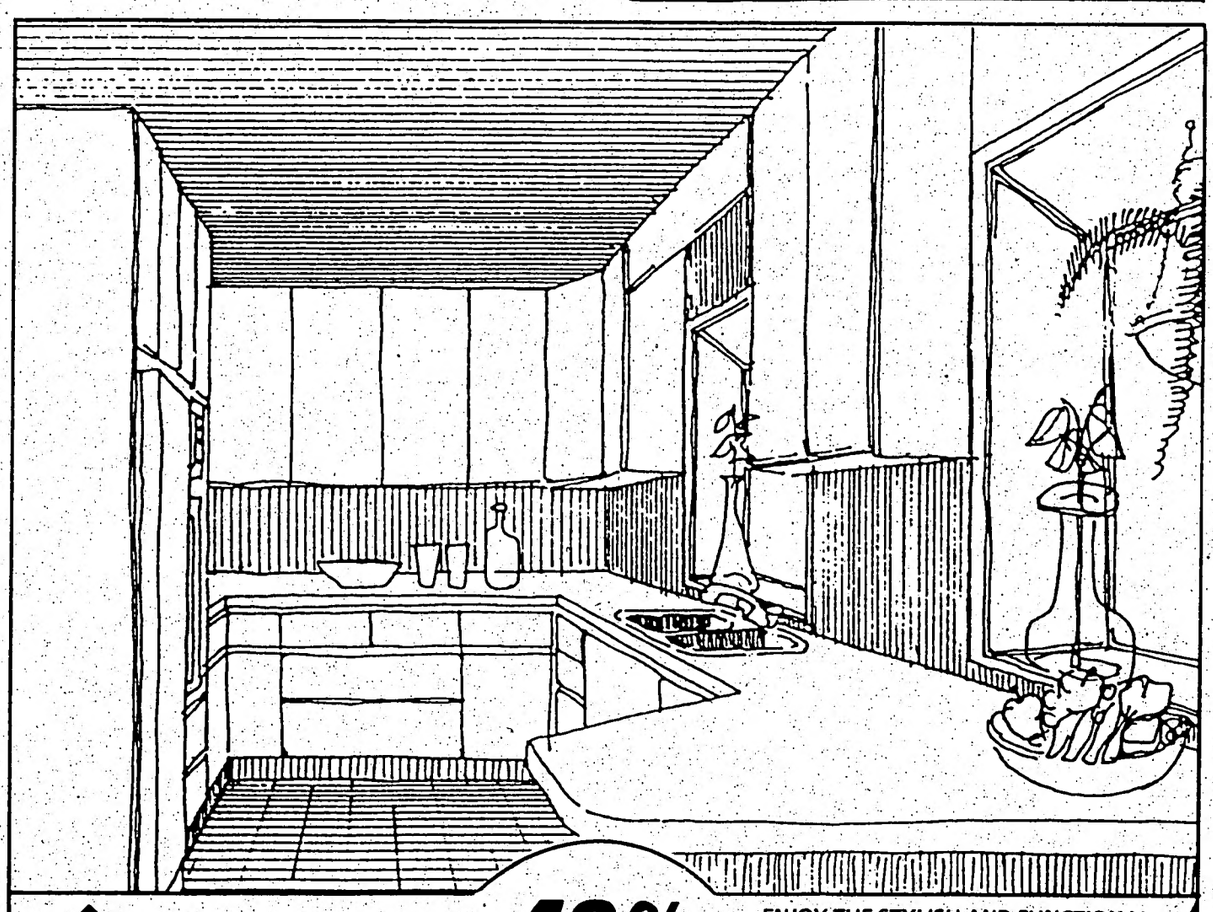

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Arts

Gallery specializes in Canadians' work

By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO —

The Original Gallery, located in a neighborhood plaza at 8100 Yonge just north of John St. in Thornhill, is just another store with pictures and frames. Right?

Wrong!

Step inside and you are in an attractively lighted expanse surrounded by sculpture, paintings, carvings — diverse works revealing talent, perception and imagination, all by Canadian artists or artists who have chosen Canada as their home.

The Original Gallery is true to its name. Only hand-done pieces or limited editions, many with modifications which make them individual, are on display. Posters and prints can be ordered, and custom framing is done on the premises.

Gallery owners, Arlene and Ian Kochberg, deal directly with their artists and know each one personally. The artists set their own prices and they are very fair. "We may look expensive," Ian says, "but we're not. And these are things you won't see in your neighbors' houses."

The Kochbergs represent some 14 artists who produce batik, copperplate etching, hand-tinted photography, marquetry, glass carving, watercolors, steel, clay, porcelain and leather sculpture.

Ian Kochberg, an artist himself, says, "We'll probably top at 20 artists — those who do unique work well, and they are very, very scarce. We want quality and originality."

He talks about some of the artists and their works. Stephen Haigh lives "in the middle of a forest." He uses natural woods for his marquetry panels, each of which suggest a story. A hand poised with a billiard cue reaches in from a corner; a young woman looks pensively at a single rose.

Franc Van Oort came here from Holland. His copperplate etchings — rural scenes, lighthouses — are finely executed. "The European training shows," notes Ian. "Most artists do etchings on zinc, not copper."

Sarah Hale celebrates life with vibrant batiks featuring flowers, landscapes, dancing figures. "She and her husband are very religious," observes Arlene.

There is strong satire in Ted Sivell's clay sculptures. His Dentist grins sadistically as he wields an enormous drill and his Corporate Hatchetman actually conceals a small hatchet behind his proper suitcoat. Sivell also does whimsical dragons hatching out of eggs, especially appealing to children, and children who believe they are adults.

Totally different is the stone sculpture of Jozef Reibesteijn, another Netherlander, whose father and brother were thrown into a concentration camp simply because they had "Jewish names."

Reibesteijn sees seal pups and their mothers in the stone and brings them to life with his tools. Sometimes he places them with an ancient Father Time-like image who, the Kochbergs affirm, looks like the artist himself, but older.

Richard Kramer's solid steel sculptures, elongated, arresting figures, are forged by hand. This is very physical work.

Nostalgic watercolors of old houses by Michael Mesure bring back special memories. Ian's father, looking at Mesure's painting of a weathered red brick dwelling in the Queen-Spadina area, recalls delivering papers there. Another painting of a house which still stands on Major Mackenzie Rd., just west of Bathurst, will be familiar to many people.

Kochberg's own work is embossed serigraphy. Quite intriguing is Last Flight of the Bumblebee, which shows the insect passing over a sheet of hand-drawn music taken from Rimsky-Korsakov's Flight of the Bumblebee, toward some flowers with a praying mantis lurking in the petals.

A more lofty theme is explored in Genesis 9-13, with its misty, constantly changing colors; it refers to a biblical passage stating that God put a rainbow in the sky to signify that he wouldn't destroy the world again in a flood.

(The Original Gallery's address is 8100 Yonge, but it is just around the corner. The phone number is 764-3388.)

The stone sculpture of Jozef Reibesteijn at the Original Gallery.

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Archie Rand expresses his affection for mankind

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —
U.S. artist Archie Rand received an unusual invitation early in his prolific career.

While still in his early-20s, the gifted artist was approached by the orthodox B'nai Yosef congregation in Brooklyn to paint murals in its synagogue.

The request proved to be nothing short of remarkable since Rand soon learned there had been no thematic murals painted since the Dura-Europas in 3rd-century Syria. Orthodox Judaism in its ritual practice had strictly forbidden the use of art depicting human figures.

As Rand scurried off to a yeshiva to learn more about what he was about to paint, a major controversy began sweeping Jewish circles.

Rand's eventual 8,000 square feet of paintings on 38 panels — in which he literally invented a Jewish symbolism — touched off a dispute, but were eventually declared "kosher" by the great halachic expert Moshe Feinstein.

Rand — recently in town to promote his art show and sale at Galerie Evan in Yorkville and lecture at the Ontario College of Art — said the murals, painted from 1974 to 1977, were a "turning point" in his life.

The work won him praise as "America's greatest Jewish muralist." But it also alienated Rand — thrown into the heart of deeply spiritual and traditionally religious content — from other painters who were immersed in the color-field abstract art craze in America.

"Most painters who I thought were my friends stopped talking to me," the 38-year-old artist recalled during an interview at the Four Seasons Hotel.

"They were morally outraged that I would undertake to paint Jewish subject matter — and many of them were Jewish."

Yet Rand — who has a "very deep overriding 24-hour-a-day" awareness of God and Judaism in his life — managed to persevere.

His more recent works include the stained-glass windows at Congregation Anshe Emet and Temple Sholom in Chicago, as well as eight outdoor murals representing the seven days of creation which he painted in 1984 at the Michlalah campus of the Jerusalem College for Women.

His art showing in Toronto until Nov. 12 is a vibrant collection of colorful figurative acrylics combining the three popular megatrends of abstract expressionism, graffiti and pop art.

The 21 canvasses, ranging in price from $5,500 to $45,000 (U.S.), are presented in two thematic series — Mainly Merrie Spirits and The Concert Series.

Born in 1949 to Brooklyn businessman Sydney Rand and his wife, Ruth, Rand was a child prodigy who showed a talent for art at a very early age.

Almost as soon as he could totter down the steps into his father's cellar art studio, he began joining his father in his Sunday painting hobby.

In high school Rand's interest in art escalated as he met up with instructor Miriam Edelman, who had been a student of Kurt Seligmann, a leading figure in the U.S. surreal art movement.

During the six semesters Rand was editor and chief of The Marquis under Edelman's guidance, the publication repeatedly won the Columbia School of Journalism award for best high school art magazine.

At the age of 15 Rand — who with his older brother, Harry, an art curator, had a religious Jewish upbringing — entered the City College of New York. But finding his straight A's no challenge, he dropped out after a semester and began studying art under Larry Poons at The Art Students League in New York.

In the evenings he took credit art courses at Pratt Institute, and in his spare time hung out with color-field painters.

Rand lived and breathed art. Setting up a studio in his parents' basement, he purchased wholesale bolts of canvass and acrylic paints with money earned at a part-time record store job.

"I painted almost every waking hour of the day," said Rand, whose work received a "favorable response" from Poon and other artists.

At 17 Rand was approached by Tibor de Nagy, one of New York's most important art dealers. De Nagy began representing Rand and soon displayed his work in a group show at his renowned 57th Street gallery.

Rand had his first 1-man show at de Nagy's gallery at the age of 22. In the same year he married former high school sweetheart Maria Catalano. His Italian-born wife converted to orthodox Judaism from Catholicism.

Rand remained with the Tibor de Nagy Gallery until several years ago when he switched to the Phyllis Kind Galleries of New York and Chicago.

Kind, an exhibiter of what Rand calls "spiritually-conscious artists," has allowed him the spiritual freedom in his art to "no longer maintain a separation between secular and religious thought."

Rand — quoting Swiss psychiatrist Carl Jung's observation that the need to love is stronger than the need to be loved — says his art is an expression of his affection to mankind.

The characters in his paintings "are here to achieve and appreciate simultaneously." Without achievement, love and affection can degenerate into cruelty, and without appreciation, accomplishment can decline into "slough," Rand said.

"That's the specific value and importance of Judaism in my work," he added.

Hours of the Galerie Evan, located northeast of Bloor St. and Avenue Rd. in the Renaissance Plaza, are Tuesday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. or after hours by appointment only. For more information, call 323-3713.

Fur traders shown as colorful figures

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —
Peter Newman's Caesars of the Wilderness: Company of Adventurers, Vol. II (Viking-Penguin Books, $25) is a graphic depiction of the voyageur adventurers and their bosses who opened up the Canadian north for the Hudson's Bay Company.

This is the sequel to Company of Adventurers.

Journalist Newman's 450-page account is recommended reading for Canadians who think their country's history is as dry and colorless as the grade school texts they learned it from. Liquor, women, exploitation, and the relentless drive for profit figure more prominently here than in the old school courses.

Liquor was a favored currency. "As much as 50,000 gallons was imported into the fur country each season (yielding) when mixed with water at least a quarter of a million gallons." Newman calls this "an appalling total, considering that the interior at the time had a native population of about 120,000 men, women and children."

The term firewater originated in a quick reliable test for alcohol content used by the Indians. Spat into a flame by the mouthful, "good liquor would flame up dramatically, but if it was too weak, it would quench the flames."

The voyageurs, paddling and portaging their canoes for hundreds and often thousands of miles into the lonely wilderness, occasionally found distraction and hope in the mixed-blood families that they established.

Newman paints a vivid picture of George Simpson, who controlled the company for nearly four decades beginning in 1821. He describes him as a "red-headed magpie with quivering beak and glittering eye . . . who hoarded private grievances . . . and played his associates off against one another."

Anecdotes and descriptions of colorful characters add further seasoning to the book.

Footnotes are helpful, and presented undisruptively. The bibliography is surprisingly extensive.

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By
JAMES MONTAGNES

Flour carrying competitions are held at Canadian winter festivals at The Pas and Flin Flon, Man.

Many Canadian skiers heading for nearby ski slopes across the international border go right to Stowe in Vermont as early as late November. The skiing is expected to get started on the American Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 26 to 29 this year. The winter festivities then get underway.

The Stowe Winter Carnival is in mid-January with cross-country ski competitions, downhill ski races, dogsled races, hot air balloon rides and plenty of after dark entertainment.

Stowe's popularity is not only because of scenery and good accommodations, but because of the more than 100 miles (160 kilometres) of cross-country ski trails, three dozen Alpine slopes and trails and lots of snowmaking equipment to supplement nature.

Throughout North America there are festivals and special events for the winter vacationer who enjoys cold weather. Here is a month by month sampling:

December

At Niagara Falls, Ont. the Festival of Lights is on all December to mid-February with spectacular color lighting of the famous Falls, and a Winter Festival at the same time including craft shows, hockey tournaments and a winter ball.

Early in December the Olympics of the rodeo world will be held at the National Finals Rodeo at Oklahoma City, Okla. In Washington, the first Saturday of the month will see the annual Scottish Walk when those of Scottish heritage wear their tartans and kilts and parade the streets to music of bagpipes while massed bands play in Market Square.

January

At Cordova, Alaska, late in the month, for the hardy there will be the annual Iceworm Festival to celebrate the iceworm's emergence from hibernation, an event filled with skeet shoots, airboat races and parades.

Champion ski jumping is in Thunder Bay, Ont., the last week of the month. There is a Winter Carnival in Minden, Ont., the last weekend of January. Ski races are held throughout the Muskoka region during the month in Huntsville, Bracebridge and Orillia.

February

The first two weeks of the month Quebec City will have its annual Bonhomme Carnival, the biggest winter festival in Canada. Welcoming everyone is the talking 7-foot tall snowman, the carnival figure who leads all parades, and judges beauty contests and pee-wee hockey games.

Highlight of the festival is the wild canoe race across the mile-wide ice-filled St. Lawrence River from Quebec City to Levis on the south shore and return, with crews clambering in and out of the boats to haul them over the ice pans to open water.

Oldest winter festival

In mid-February at Middlebury, Vt., a Winter Carnival and Eastern Intercollegiate Ski Championships are planned, with some snow sculptures, concerts and an ice show.

Ottawa will have its annual Winterlude Feb. 5 to 14 when the Rideau Canal freezes hard enough for skating events, horse races on the ice, and such unusual events as bed racing by teams of skaters on the river.

At Whitehorse, Yukon, the Sourdough Rendezvous is held the last weekend of February, recalling gold-rush days of the 1900s.

Probably the oldest winter festival in Canada is at The Pas, Man., in mid-February when the Northern Trappers' Festival includes dog-sled races and contests pertaining to the life of trappers. At Beausejour, Man., the Winter Festival has races by leading snowmobile drivers from all over North America the last week of the month.

March

A 2-week festival honoring Canadian travellers will be held at Colonial Williamsburg, Va., in mid-March with special color guards carrying the Canadian flag in parades at this restored colonial capital of the state.

Canadian-American Days are the last week of March at Myrtle Beach, SC, with square dancing, parades, tours of historic homes, fishing tournaments and beach activities.

There will be ski races at various locations in the United States in March including Lake Placid, NY, Squaw Valley, Calif., and in Killington, Vt.

In Canada there will be final ski events in Whistler, B.C., as well as at various Ontario locations such as Sudbury, Huntsville and Collingwood. Curling bonspiels will take place in many provinces.

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"It's no coincidence that our land packages feature some of the best golf to be had in the Americas," said Jim Kissel, senior vice-president sales and marketing for Royal Caribbean. "You have to be serious about passengers who golf, because they take their golf very seriously.

"With the new land packages, we've definitely gotten a competitive edge on the golfing market, because our pre- and post-cruise land packages make an ideal start and finish for our cruises," Kissel continued.

For starters, passengers can stay for two or more days at the Condado Plaza Hotel and Casino in San Juan. On the return, passengers can stay at the El San Juan Hotel and Casino. Both packages include a golf option at the nearby and privately owned Rio Mar Country Club.

In Miami, passengers can stay two or more nights at either the Doral Hotel On-The-Ocean in Miami Beach or the Doral Hotel & Country Club, home of the famous "Blue Monster" golf course and four other championship 18-hole golf courses.

A host of other sports and leisure activities can be enjoyed by hotel guests in both Miami Beach and San Juan.

Condado Plaza Hotel two-night pre-cruise packages start at $150 (U.S.) per person; post-cruise El San Juan packages start at $170.

In Miami Beach, 2-day packages at the Doral Hotel & Country Club start at $120 per person, and the Doral Hotel-On-The Ocean at only $110 per person.

Once at sea, passengers can enjoy organized putting and driving competitions onboard. In addition, passengers will receive "member" treatment — and will qualify for guaranteed tee-off times — at a variety of Caribbean courses.

Golf Ahoy! is offered on the entire Royal Caribbean fleet, including the Song of Norway, Song of America, Sun Viking and Nordic Prince as well as Sovereign of the Seas when it begins service in January.

A plethora of topics

Book reveals Jewish New York

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Like a kaleidoscope, New York City is always changing.

In 1900, the Jewish community was centred around the Lower East Side, jammed with shoppers and strollers. Today, the Jewish population is far more dispersed, making it harder for a visitor to check out Jewish points of interest.

In light of all this, *The Guide To Everything Jewish In New York (Franklin Watts, $22.50)* **is a valuable guidebook for Jewish-oriented tourists.**

In compiling their handy 334-page book, authors Nancy Davis and Joy Levitt worked independently of Jewish organizations.

"No agencies... funded any of the research or made decisions about what should be included," they write. "Restaurants were visited anonymously. No shops, organizations or individuals paid for listings or were promised space... for any reason."

That's important to remember when you're leafing through it. At least you know that their judgments, sound or not, are as balanced as possible.

Divided into 13 chapters, *The Guide To Everything Jewish In New York* deals with a plethora of topics.

Chapter 2, for example, refers to university and Israel travel programs. Chapter 7, perhaps the heart and soul of their guide, is about museums, galleries, art and gift shops, book stores, theatres and tours of Jewish New York.

There's a chapter on restaurants, bakeries, supervised butchers, delis and groceries, and one on communal organizations.

I can't vouch for all their opinions, but *The Guide To Everything Jewish In New York* sounds authoritative and should be kept in mind before your next trip to that glorious metropolis.

Bank tourist centre opened

JERUSALEM —

As Israel prepares for its 40th anniversary and the influx of visitors from around the world, Bank Hapoalim dedicated its newest Tourist, Foreign Resident and Olim banking centre.

Congratulating Bank Hapoalim chairman Amiram Sivan, Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek said: "We in Jerusalem are extremely happy with this initiative, especially as we know how Bank Hapoalim excels in its good services. With some five million nights spent by tourists in Jerusalem annually, it is appropriate to have such a banking centre available to them."

Located in Bank Hapoalim's newest and most central branch on King George St., the heart of Jerusalem's shopping district, the centre is staffed by professionals fluent in a number of languages, including English, Spanish, French and German.

It provides comprehensive banking services well beyond routine currency exchanges, including "VIP" foreign currency accounts, preferential interest rates, shekel accounts, savings and investment plans, Israel Bonds, and other transactions.

This new centre in Jerusalem is patterned on Bank Hapoalim's other tourist centres which are operated in Tel Aviv, Haifa and Netanya. All are linked with the bank's 350 branches and offices in Israel and 14 countries around the world.

New flights boost tourism to St. Kitts and Nevis

TORONTO —

American Airlines has begun regular flights from Toronto to St. Kitts and Nevis in an effort to boost tourism to the island resort.

Flights will leave Toronto Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays at 6.50 a.m. and arrive in St. Kitts at 2.40 p.m. with a change in Puerto Rico to American Eagle.

Flights will also be available from Montreal. These flights will supplement BWIA's weekly direct flights, departing from Toronto on Mondays.

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Travel

Bahnhofstrasse can satisfy every acquisitive need

Stratospheric prices stun shoppers in elegant Zurich

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

ZURICH, Switzerland — Shoppers are in a state of exultation and despair after paying a visit to the Bahnhofstrasse, Zurich's fabled consumer showcase.

There can be little doubt that the Bahnhofstrasse, Zurich's premier shopping street, is the last word in elegance.

Whether you're in the market for exquisite jewelry, designer clothes or fine food, the Bahnhofstrasse can satisfy every acquisitive need.

But there's a catch — the stratospheric prices.

And here's where the despair comes in. Your materialistic instincts will soar into flight as you scan the smart display windows or wander into the superbly-appointed shops. But, if you're not rolling in money, you may be reduced to a mere curious passerby rather than a potential purchaser.

On a recent Saturday morning, I strolled up and down the tree-lined Bahnhofstrasse, which leads to Switzerland's largest railway station, and let myself be guided by my material instincts, such as they are.

Starting my walking tour at the southern end, adjacent Lake Zurich, I slowly imbibed its indubitable charms, suitably impressed by the sheer but seemingly casual magnitude of its wealth.

Passing an organ grinder (a near-extinct species in North America) cranking out quaint but tinny tunes, I wandered into **Schweizer Heimatwerk,** a popular chain of Swiss handicraft stores. There, on the shelves, were hand-carved wooden folk figures, decorative plates, pottery, sweaters and all sorts of knicknacks.

The craftsmanship was undisputable, but prices were such that you have to think twice before digging into your wallet.

My next stop, **London House,** specialized in men's apparel. In U.S. dollars, a silk shirt hovered around the $180 mark, while a navy blue blazer went for about $600.

I passed an imposing square, the Parade Platz, with its wooden benches facing chic cafes, with its narrow streets running off into different directions and with its bustling streetcar terminus, and came to **Les Ambassadeurs.**

This has to be one of Zurich's finest jewelry shops. Patek Philippe, Rolex and Cartier gold watches, diamond-encrusted rings and silver bracelets are displayed here like crown jewels, sparkling temptingly in the light.

Needless to say, sticker shock is a common enough phenomenon at Les Ambassadeurs, with some watches costing tens of thousands of dollars.

After the shock wore off, I paused to watch an itinerant marching band playing blaring martial music. Then I headed for **Picnic,** a European-style delicatessen whose heady aromas bespeak its processed gourmet meats, freshly-baked breads and rolls and endless varieties of cheeses.

Next was **Merkur,** a chocolate lover's mecca where Lindt, Suchard, Bloch and Tobler take pride of place. Dieters should avoid it like the plague, for the temptations are great.

Weight watchers should also consider the hazards of **Sprungli,** known as this city's best pastry cafe. The strawberry, kirsch and chocolate tortes are simply divine; the truffles and brioches are ethereal; the white and gold-trimmed chocolate revolvers are intriguing; the cappuccino and espresso are inviting. Best of all, the ambience is civilized, the level of sophistication unsurpassed.

Visitors looking for gifts that won't dent a pocketbook too much ought to go to **Jelmoli** and **Globus,** considered the finest department stores in Zurich. They aren't as big as Eaton's or Simpsons, but they carry a huge variety of goods.

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When you're done with the Bahnhofstrasse, explore Zurich's old quarter on either side of the Limmat River. You'll be captivated by the twisting cobblestone streets, the Gothic architecture, the enchanting shops and cafes, the small quiet parks, and the bridges with their captivating views.

The principal places to visit are the Lindenhoff, a wooded square where the remains of a Roman customs house and fortress can be seen; the Peterskirche, a cathedral whose 13th century tower is reputed to have the largest clockface in Europe, and the Fraumunster, the Romanesque-Gothic church whose stained windows were painted by Marc Chagall.

Four of the five windows are on themes from the Old Testament, with biblical figures like Elisha, Elijah, Jeremiah, Moses, David and Jacob figuring in each.

On the east bank of the Limmat, in a series of steep maze-like streets, you'll find Zurich's night life, rather tame by the standards of Frankfurt or New York.

There are numerous restaurants around here and among the most renowned is Zaunfthaus Zur Schmiden, which specializes in Swiss cuisine. Housed in a 500-year-old building, a former guild house, it exudes an Old World atmosphere that is as delicious as its creamed sliced veal smothered in mushrooms and rosti (hashed brown potatoes.)

No one who visits Zurich should forego an excursion on Lake Zurich, whose vistas range from low, wooded hills to snowcapped mountain peaks. From Burkliplatz, off General Guisan Quai, you can get on a lake steamer for rides from 1 hour to 6 hours. Daily trips begin in April and end in October.

Hotels in Zurich are plentiful and immaculately maintained. I stayed at the Neues Schloss on 17 Stockerstrasse, a centrally-located pension near the waterfront and the Bahnhofstrasse.

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For further information, contact the Swiss National Tourist Office in Toronto (868-0584). Swissair has direct flights from Toronto and Montreal.

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The expansion comes as a result of Ramada's recent acqusition of an adjoining hotel under construction.

When completed in late spring, the Ramada Renaissance will provide a total of 650 rooms, suites and a variety of restaurants, meeting halls and resort facilities. Construction of a new function hall linking the two hotels will commence shortly.

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Other islands offer splendid sights

Oahu just one of Hawaii's many jewels

By JAMES MONTAGNES

HONOLULU —

The airport here is the first place you will see when you come to Hawaii from Canada. And if you want to visit some of the other islands which make up the state, you need but transfer to one of the local airlines.

Kauai is just about the closest island to Oahu, on which Honolulu is located, about 30 minutes flying time. Kauai, a lush green tropical island will always be remembered by this travel writer as the place where I saw the Waimea Canyon and where I was summoned to dinner by the deep sound of the conch shell.

The Waimea Canyon is a smaller version of the Grand Canyon in Arizona, an enormous gorge a mile wide and 10 miles (16 kilometres) long. It is almost 3,000 feet deep. The multicolored lava rocks are constantly changing in shades of color as you watch from lookouts over 3,000 feet above the canyon floor as clouds pass overhead.

Just before the dinner hour at the Coco Palms Resort near Lihue, close to the east coast of the island, I heard the conch shell. A native Hawaiian was blowing the big shell as dusk came, pointing first to the east and the rising sun area, then to the setting sun, then to the mountains and lastly to the sea. Then followed the beating of drums made of coconut tree stumps covered with sharkskin.

After the drums had subsided a canoe glided over the small river bearing a native with a lighted torch who stopped near the shore to light coconut oil lamps. It is a ceremony done frequently at this resort complex on the Wailua River where once there were avenues of stately coconut trees. The river here is filled with lily pads and, with the light from the coconut-oil filled lamps, presents a romantic setting for outdoor dining.

Kauai is the fourth largest of the Hawaiian islands and is formed from an extinct volcano. With luck on some clear days you can see its highest point, Mount Waialeale, 5,075 feet (1,547 metres) high. Usually it is shrouded in clouds. The top is claimed to be the wettest spot on earth, getting some 470 inches (almost 1,200 centimetres) of rain a year.

On the east and north shores are long white sand beaches, the northwest coast has cliffs and is wave-lashed, and can best be seen from a plane or helicopter.

Along the north shore is Hanalei, once an important shipping port, now mainly a marina for large and small yachts.

The east coast has rivers and waterfalls, emptying into the Pacific Ocean. There are boat trips on the Wailua River to Fern Grotto, a cave with huge overhanging ferns, where often visitors come to get married.

On the south shore is one of those natural attractions, Spouting Horn, a blowhole among the rocks, where the tides sweep water through holes in the rocks, blowing water, like a huge spout, into the air.

Kauai, like the other Hawaiian islands, is being developed with numerous beachfront hotels for the huge tourist groups which come from North America to escape the cold of winter. There are golf courses in magnificent settings with sea and green-covered mountains always in view. There are good roads circling the island, hiking trails to mountain waterfalls, a state park, caves, and historic sites, for this island was one of the first settled by Polynesians who came from the Tahiti region further south in the Pacific hundreds of years ago. Captain James Cook is believed to have landed on Kauai in 1778, and there are remnants of a fort built by Russians in 1817.

Sport fishermen can go deepsea fishing or surf fishing at many points on the island's coast and catch freshwater fish on the inland rivers.

Kauai is but one of a number of islands. Oahu, with Honolulu as the main city in the state, is perhaps the most visited, but you can also visit Molokai, Lanai, Maui and the largest of the islands, Hawaii.

More foreign visitors flock to Canadian hotels

TORONTO —

The percentage of foreign visitors at Canadian hotels is more than twice as high than that of American hotels, says the latest edition of the Canadian Lodging Industry Report.

Canadian hotels report 22.3% of their business as coming from foreign sources in 1985 as compared with American hotels benefiting from foreign sources of 10.9% for the year, says the report for 1986 compiled by Laventhol & Horwith.

In 1985, the percentage of Canadian visitors to hotels in the United States was only 5.2%, compared to 38.6% of visitors to Canadian hotel properties originating from the U.S., it said.

"The fact that Canadian properties attract this level of non-Canadian business accounts for the higher rate of sales per available room as compared to the U.S. market," says Cameron Hawkins, of the Leisure Time Industries Division of the Toronto office of L&H.

In 1985, Canadian hotels reported total sales per available room at $28,896 while U.S. properties reported a figure of $28,188 (Canadian equivalent).

"Although the Canadian hotel market is much smaller than the U.S., we have experienced steady growth in the overall profitability in this sector," adds Hawkins.

Within Canada, the hotel industry has experienced a steady increase in the average room rate over the past three years, with slight variations in cost seen on a province-by-province basis. The larger metropolitan centres have a higher room rate, and also a higher level of occupancy.

For example, Toronto properties in 1986 averaged $81.89 per night with a 73% occupancy, Montreal properties average $79.59 per night with a 68% occupancy, and those in Winnipeg averaged $57.88 with a 60% occupancy.

"In Canada, continued excellence in the service and facilities offered by hotel properties will have an impact on their future success," says Hawkins.

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Miami feathers its nest for the arrival of snowbirds

By
ROSE KLEINER

MIAMI —

The snowbirds may not be there yet, but Miami's arts scene is alive and ready for the northern visitor. Good theatre, music and exhibits are on.

One new and one renovated kosher hotel have been added to the list of accommodations. And in early December Miami will host its first Kosher Foods and Jewish Life Expo.

Several years ago Sir Georg Solti came to Miami to conduct the Chicago Symphony. They played Mahler for two nights and received some 10 standing ovations. Moved by this reception, Solti remarked to impresaria Judy Drucker, "All my life I thought in Miami everybody lies on the beach. I never dreamed anybody would want to come to hear a night of Mahler. This is the greatest audience in the world."

This fall the Great Artists Series, which is sponsored by the city's Temple Beth Sholom, is starting its 20th year. The London Philharmonic Orchestra, with conductor Klaus Tennstedt, will play on Nov. 16. Pianist Andre Watts will appear on Nov. 30, and violinists Yitzhak Perlman and Pinchas Zukerman on Dec. 20. All the above concerts will take place at the Theater of Performing Arts in Miami Beach.

Miami's Prestige Series of Concerts will be presented at the Dade County Auditorium including Isaac Stern and Yo-Yo Ma who will be featured on Nov. 17.

For stage aficionados there are the Coconut Grove, Ruth Forman and the Royal Palm Dinner Theaters. Seasaw, a musical love story, will be staged at the Ruth Forman Theater until Nov. 8. The second play of the season, at this theatre, will be Split Second, from Nov. 19 to Dec. 20.

Two famous Broadway plays will be seen at the Royal Palm Dinner Theater this fall. On Your Toes is running until December. Funny Girl will begin on Dec. 8 and will run until February.

Miami's art scene has been greatly enriched by the exhibits at the Centre for the Fine Arts. This past summer saw a fascinating display of 57 Hebrew manuscripts from the Apostolic Library of the Vatican.

The Centre recently ran a major exhibition entitled American Art Deco, with 200 works on view, including sculpture, furniture, textiles, glass, ceramics and silver.

There are many art galleries in Miami, and in Miami Beach there is the Bass Museum of Art.

Another place where one is surrounded by fine original art is at the Inter-Continental Hotel in Miami, near the Bayside Marketplace. The atrium lobby here is dominated by Henry Moore's 18-foot sculpture, The Spindle.

Other art treasures in the lobby are the 18th century Belgian tapestries. Throughout the hotel there are specially loomed Youghal Axminster rugs, and Donegal carpets from Ireland.

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One of the most exciting events in Miami this fall is bound to be the Kosher Foods and Jewish Life Expo, which was such a smashing success in New York City in March. It is scheduled to run at the Convention Center, in Miami Beach, Dec. 4 to 7.

Among the new kosher hotels in Miami Beach is the renovated and refurbished Waldman Hotel, which opens this month. The Castle Premier Hotel and Resort (formerly the Konover), on the ocean at 54th St., serves three kosher meals a day, and has a beautiful synagogue on the premises.

An interesting and educational tour of Jewish Miami Beach is now available. The tour is led by Sam Brown, a former New Yorker, who is recognized as an expert on Florida's Jewish history and contemporary life. Brown can be reached at 4086 Newport St., Deerfield Beach, Fla., 33441, or by calling 1-305-421-8431.

Turkey is a crossroads of history

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

IZMIR, Turkey —

From the old hillside fortress of Izmir, Turkey's second largest seaport, this travel writer looked down on the ruins of the agora or marketplace built by the Greeks. Here the statues of Greek and Roman gods still stand.

Nowhere in Turkey are you allowed to forget that this is an ancient land through which numerous civilizations have passed. Roman and Greek periods of 2,000 years ago are newcomers to Turkish history.

Tourists walking through the Roman and Greek ruins of Pergamum on Turkey's Aegean coast.

On a week-long trip by scheduled coastal steamer through the Sea of Marmara, Aegean Sea and Mediterranean Sea, I saw much of its history predating over 5,000 years in museums, caves, fields, rocks and seaside towns. The Hittites, Babylonians, Phrygians, Lydians and Persians were here before Alexander the Great of Greece conquered much of the area.

I sat on stone seats in steep hillside amphitheatres where dramas had been performed milleniums ago. The view of the rugged country was breathtaking. I walked through the ruins of Aspendos, Side, Pergamum, Fethiye, Bodrum and Ephesus.

In some of these there were still remnants of ancient health spas, while a few are still being used.

In Pergamum, modern Bergama, ruins of ancient hospitals can be visited. In a recently restored area I saw signs carved in the ancient marble sidewalk showing the way to a house of prostitution. Everywhere in these ruined towns, ornamented columns, stones and statues lie about waiting to be restored to ancient beauty.

At Fethiye you can ride a camel or hike up a steep mountain through village streets where women go veiled and wear voluminous harem pants. Carved in the mountain rock are funeral crypts. Greek leaders were buried here 2,400 years ago. The stone vaults, with ornamented doorways and columns, are empty today, their contents stolen over the centuries.

At Bodrum, ancient Halicarnasus, is a castle built in the 15th century by the English, French and Italian Knights of St. John on the site of a Greek acropolis. The castle today is a museum with pottery, statues, jewelry and other items found in the nearby clear coastal waters and in shipwrecks which date back to the bronze age.

In the modern Turkish capital of Ankara is a fine small museum devoted entirely to artifacts and statues of the Hittite civilization. At Goreme, south of Ankara, early Christians carved 365 different churches, chapels and tombs in the sandstone rock, decorating many with colorful wall paintings. The dry desert air preserved them well till they were discovered early this century. Today they bring visitors from all over the world.

The capital of Ankara dates back some 4,000 years, and while it has Turkey's parliament where today's legislators convene, it also is the location of Roman baths, a temple named after the Roman Emperor Augustus that earlier was a temple to older gods, a museum to Turkish folklore and a museum to Kemal Ataturk. The Israeli embassy is also in Ankara and there is a synagogue in the Samanpazari district.

Throughout the Aegean and Mediterranean coasts there are miles of good beaches which are used by modern vacationers, much as they were in the Greek and Roman times. Today there are some luxury hotels as well as modestly priced accommodations. The number of campsites in government-sponsored areas is growing.

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***131 Torresdale.** 1 bd. + sunrm 5 appls., ground flr. $995.
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$719,000. Modernized 5 bedroom 2 storey brick home on heavily treed ravine! Family-size kitchen with sliders to terrace. Main floor family room & den. Huge new laundry room. Large central hall. Elise Kalles 488-4488.

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$809,000 Spacious 5 br home in superb high priced neighbourhood. Gorgeous ravine views, 2 family rms, w/o basmt, pool. Unique opportunity. Arlette Carmona 488-4488.

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5 Condominiums For Sale

SKYMARK — DON MILLS & FINCH

SKYMARK 1 — Just listed 2 br+sunrm w/west exp. 2 baths.
SKYMARK ZENITH — Just listed 3br+sunrm, 2 baths+extras. Vacant, don't miss it.
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6 Condominiums For Rent

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7 Condominiums For Rent/Sale

Bathurst/Steeles - 2 bedrooms, 2 complete bathrooms. 667-0231.

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Bathurst/Steeles Courtland - 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, Florida room, 5 appliances, parking. $1,100/monthly or Private Sale $174,900. Phone 967-6788.

9 Accommodation Available

Room for rent in private home. Non-smoker. Finch/Keele area. 636-3381 after 6:00 p.m.

10 Accommodation Wanted

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11 Shared Accommodation

Bathurst/Eglinton - Roommate wanted to share pleasant, 2 bedroom apartment. 787-2015.

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12 Apartments For Rent

Bathurst/Lawrence - Furnished 2 bedroom, available mid-November until September 1988. 785-3839.

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14 Cottages For Sale

Muskoka, super bargain, 6 bedroom deluxe cottage, part of community, common tennis courts, sandy beach. $115,000. 445-0893.

17 Florida Property For Rent

Apartment for rent, near Diplomat area; fully furnished, adults only, oceanview and oceanfront. 810 sq. ft. $1,500/month. Available Jan. and Feb. 497-0225.

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17 Florida Property For Rent

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Century Village Boca West. 1 bedroom 1½ baths, fully furnished. 4 month minimum. 781-7989.

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19 Florida Property For Rent/Sale

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21 Israel Properties

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26 Commercial/ Land Sales/Lease

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28 Announcements

Call Jewish Information Service for updated Child Care Directory; nominal charge. 635-5600.

29 Social Announcements

EXTRA, EXTRA — Bundle of joy just delivered! Michelle Erin Fishman announces her arrival just in time for the fall fashion scene. Her first showing was at Mount Sinai Hospital, 2:44 p.m. on October 13, 1987. At 7 lbs. 2 oz. she's a hit with the "in" crowd; Her parents Sarah and Martin; the grandparents Jack and Rachel Krybus and Bess and Hyman Fishman.

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I wish to thank my relatives and friends for their sincere wishes and concern for me, during my recent illness. Murray Rothblott.

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39 Domestic Help Wanted

Part-time housekeeper and child care. References. Bathurst-Wilson. 638-7026.

Housekeeper/companion for middle-aged woman. 783-6766.

Bubie wanted temporarily, while parents on vacation, to babysit in my home. Must drive and be non-smoker. 223-8051.

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Mature person, non-smoker for one 4 month-old, 3 afternoons per week. References. 222-2316.

40 Personals

Gentleman driving to Florida Nov. 22. Will take along a couple. No charge. Returning April. Please reply to Box #8580, CJN, 10 Gateway Blvd., Ste. 420, Don Mills, Ont. M3C 3A1.

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50 Obituaries

Talik, Henry - Suddenly at Sunnybrook Medical Centre on October 7, beloved husband of Rachel Talik; daughters Florence, Terry and Monica. Loving grandfather to Ian, Adam, Ronnie, Ashley and Bryan; Son-in-laws Richard and Jeffrey. Will be greatly missed by all family members and friends.

50 Obituaries

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Arfin, Zvi-David on October 24, 1987, late of 78 McDonah Crescent, Thorald, Ontario.
Dermer, Berta on October 23, 1987, late of Lincoln Place Nursing Home.
Kitaychik, Tatyana on October 21, 1987, late of 13025 85th Street, Edmonton.
Klein, Sally on October 19, 1987, late of 1 Canyon Ave., Apt. #1201.
Ronai, Istvan on October 24, 1987, late of 4455 Bathurst St. #1123.
Shtern, Asher on October 20, 1987, late of 15 Tangreen Crt. #1508.
Tobias, Sarah on October 21, 1987, late of Baycrest Centre.
Vale, Saul on October 25, 1987, late of 81 Lynnhaven Road.

Steeles-College Memorial Chapel

Lily Raifman on Aug. 15/87, late of 6040 Bathurst St.
Paula Zuber on Aug. 13/87, late of 1035 Eglinton Ave. W.
Judy Lengyel on Aug. 12/87, late of 59 Otter Cres.
Mary Fisher on Aug. 14/87, late of 3560 Bathurst St.
Harold Leibovitch on Aug. 15/87, late of 10 Moonstone Byway #149.
Samuel Stambler on Aug. 15/87, late of 54 Strathearn Rd.
Bella Eker on Aug. 16/87, late of 55 Covington Rd.
Mark Rosner on Aug. 17/87, late of 2515 Bathurst St.
David Kotler on Aug. 16/87, late of 21 Goodyear Cres.
Harold Hansher on Aug. 17/87, late of 17 Farmstead Rd. #707.
Esther Metalin on Aug. 18/87, late of 4003 Bayview Ave.
Wilfred Herzog on Aug. 18/87.
Frances Lasky on Aug. 18/87, late of 3000 Bathurst St. #404.
Harry Mortin on Aug. 18/87, late of 31 Teichester #408.
Bernard Lutren on Aug. 18/87, late of 3636 Bathurst St. PH #6.
Samuel Wolfman on Aug. 19/87, late of 30 Carscadden Dr.
David Banack on Aug. 19/87, late of 37 Peel St.
Sandy Charndoff on Aug. 19/87, late of 2545 Bloor St. west #201.
Daniel Mendelson on Aug. 19/87, late of 115 Ocean Ave., Glace Bay.
Michelle Hayes on Aug. 19/87, late of 765 Steeles Ave. W #1104.
Harvey Shumacker on Aug. 20/87, late of 18 Romar Cres.
Samuel Kamin on Aug. 21/87, late of 90 Hillmount Ave.
Harry Dubinsky on Aug. 22/87, late of 69 Allingham Gardens.
Deborah Roeszler on Aug. 20/87, late of 32 Mossgrove Trail.
Hyman Antflick on Aug. 22/87, late of 6 Stonedene Blvd.
Harold Caplan on Aug. 22/87, late of 21 Mayfair Ave. #106.
Samuel Feldt on Aug. 23/87, late of 119 Chaplin Cres.
Norman Goldstein on Aug. 24/87, late of 9 Deer Pk. Cres. #706.
Abraham Ellis on Aug. 25/87, late of 52 Sunnycrest.
Marks Gelber on Aug. 25/87, late of 6250 Bathurst St. #722.
Harry Isenman on Aug. 25/87, late of 6171 Bathurst Street, #307.
Eva Litvak on Aug. 26/87, late of 3560 Bathurst Street.
Lynn Richmond on Aug. 26/87, late of 3560 Bathurst St.
Max Weisberg on Aug. 28/87, late of 324 Conley Street.
Joseph Hyman on Aug. 28/87, late of 65 Spring Garden Ave. #701.
Albert Davidson on Aug. 28/87, late of 193 Wilson Ave. #406.
Dora Mecklenburg on Aug. 27/87, late of 59 Standish Avenue.
Louis Rosenthal on Aug. 29/87, late of 8 Irwin Ave.
Arthur Zysman on Aug. 30/87, late of 3636 Bathurst Street, #611.
Nathan Shafran on Aug. 30/87, late of 429 Walmer Rd.
Alexander Metcalfe on Sep. 1/87, late of 6 Market St.
Harry Lucatch on Sep. 1/87, late of 61 Burncrest Drive.

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Joseph Fluxgold on Aug. 31/87, late of 2121 Bathurst St., #802.
Dvora Brown on Sep. 1/87, late of 39 Ladyslipper Court.
Daniel Friedlander on Sep. 2/87, late of 27 Groveland Cres.
Max Schwartz on Sep. 3/87, late of 51 Aileen Road.
Jan Ament on Sep. 5/87, late of 4 Forest Laneway.
Samuel Valle on Sep. 4/87, late of 48 Westover Hill Rd.
Max Lefkowitz on Sep. 5/87, late of 51 Atlas Ave.
Henry Goldstein on Sep. 5/87, late of 100 Antibes Dr. Ph 4.
Minnie Freedman on Sep. 5/87, late of 550 Cummer Ave.
Sam Croza on Sep. 7/87, late of 5 Tangreen Cres., #1006.
Betty Bernstein on Sep. 6/87, late of 1 Hearthstone Cres.
Sophie Sterling on Sep. 7/87, late of 135 Antibes Drive, #101.
Freda Goldberg on Sep. 7/87, late of 55 Highland Hill.
Asher Leranbaum on Sep. 5/87, late of 355 Lonsdale Ave.
Roselyn Glass on Sep. 7/87, late of 111 Kirk Drive.
Alan Fremes on Sep. 7/87, late of 97 Boulton Drive.
Louis Mandel on Sep. 7/87, late of 90 Clayhall Cres.
Esther Papoff *on Sep. 8/87, late* of 3560 Bathurst St.
Samuel Gwartzman on Sep. 8/87, late of 28 Knightswood Road.
Samuel Model on Sep. 8/87, late of 3705 Bathurst St., #310.
Blanche Lean on Sep. 10/87, late of 275 Bamburgh Circle, #1208.
Ralph Zamonsky on Sep. 10/87, late of 2330 Bridletowne Circle, #410.
Leo Rosen on Sep. 11/87, late of 1 Canyon Ave., #1411.
Esther Martens on Sep. 11/87, late of 16 Hollis Cres.
David Landy on Sep. 12/87, late of 55 Gilmore Cres.
Chaim Kutnowski on Sep. 12/87, late of 76 Croteau Cres.
Frances Alexander on Sep. 12/87, late of Extendicare Nursing Home.
Justyn Metanomski on Sep. 11/87, late of 24 Shallmar Blvd. #301.
Gittel Rappaport on Sep. 13/87, late of 3560 Bathurst St.
Max Shapinko on Sep. 13/87, late of 1111 Steeles Ave. W.
Abraham Greenstein on Sep. 13/87, late of 8 Sunnycrest Rd.
Molly Carman on Sep. 14/87, late of 178 Alexandra Blvd.
Rose Smith on Sep. 14/87, late of 429 Walmer Road.
Nathan Magder on Sep. 14/87, late of 3560 Bathurst Street.
Jean Sobel on Sep. 16/87, late of 116 Hove St.
Kathleen Shenton on Sep. 15/87, late of 2700 Bathurst St., #704.
Juan Mannheim on Sep. 15/87, late of 187 Willowbrook Rd.
Sarah Boigon on Sep. 16/87, late of 3580 Bathurst St.
Carl Steinhart on Sep. 16/87, late of 34 Carscadden Dr. #614.
Lea Marshak on Sep. 16/87, late of 232 Wilmington Ave. #3.
Oscar Plotnick on Sep. 16/87, late of 164 Cumberland St., #406.
Cecelia Shayne on Sep. 17/87, late of 525 Chaplin Cres., #3807.
Isaac Halper on Sep. 17/87, late of 87 Braemar Ave.
Jenny Kuperstein on Sep. 17/87, late of 429 Walmer Rd.
Annabelle Levin on Sep. 19/87, late of 20 Shallmar Blvd. #315.
Percy Koretsky on Sep. 20/87, late of 45 Gardiner Rd.
Louis Tanz on Sep. 21/87, late of 93 Bridlepath.
Murray Margulies on Sep. 21/87, late of 450 Rustic Rd.
Benjamin Mandel on Sep. 21/87, late of 100 Antibes Dr., #1404.
Dorothy Stekel on Sep. 22/87, late of 133 Torresdale Ave. #1001.
Henry Rotenberg on Sep. 21/87, late of 177 Lyndhurst Ave.
Berman Cohen on Sep. 23/87, late of 3171 Bathurst St. #608.
Leo Rosenberg on Sep. 24/87, late of 481 Coldstream Ave.
David Title on Sep. 26/87, late of 51 Covewood St.
Jack Silberbach on Sep. 24/87, late of 157 Caines Ave.
Rose Gross on Sep. 26/87, late of 355 St. Clair Ave. W.
Pearl Schwartz on Sep. 26/87, late of 2 Ansford Ave.
Irving Hoffman on Sep. 26/87, late of 881 Avenue Rd.
Charles Richmond on Sep. 27/87, late of 1 Canyon Ave. #506.
Harry Steiner on Sep. 25/87, late of 20 Avoca Ave. #1503.
Ray Katz on Sep. 27/87, late of 6101 Bathurst St.
Eric Redinger on Sep. 25/87, late of 33 Markdale Ave.
Bernard Robuck on Sep. 28/87, late of 535 Sheppard Ave. West #605.
Morris Dimanstein on Sep. 28/87, late of 129 Brighton Ave.
Klara Herzog on Sep. 27/87, late of 1580 Sandhurst Grove.
Anne Margulies on Sep. 28/87, late of 1035 Eglinton Ave. W.

50 Obituaries

Anita Bliss on Sep. 28/87, late of 3303 Don Mills Rd. #3202.
Norman Nesien on Sep. 28/87, late of 33 Elmhurst Ave.
Cyrla Korn on Sep. 30/87, late of 140 Sultana Ave.
Mollye Zeldin on Sep. 29/87, late of 185 Strathearn Road.
Howard Baine on Sep. 30/87, late of 605 Finch Ave. W., #1116.
Bernard Krestell on Oct. 1/87, late of 15 Canyon Ave., #1602.
Sydney Schein on Oct. 3/87, late of 880 Lawrence Ave. E.
Ethel Rensler on Oct. 3/87, late of 12 Regent St.
Ori Ben-Yakov on Oct. 3/87, late of 5 Grats.
Miriam Warga on Oct. 4/87, late of 3890 Bathurst St. #208.
Abraham Lehrer on Oct. 2/87, late of 5 Hillhurst Blvd.
Mary Kleiman on Oct. 4/87, late of 27 Reiner Road.
Israel Lipshitz on Oct. 5/87, late of 3560 Bathurst St.
Nathan Rivelis on Oct. 6/87, late of 613 Baywood.
Edith Slone on Oct. 7/87, late of 1955 Steeles Ave. E.
Sylvia Smith on Oct. 6/87, late of 2 Clancy Drive.
Susan Falus on Oct. 6/87, late of 2500 Bathurst St. #304.
Theodore Goldberg on Oct. 7/87, late of 11A Tranby Ave.
Leah Jubas on Oct. 8/87, late of 3560 Bathurst St.
Hanna Moll on Oct. 7/87, late of 706 Lorne Ave.
Henry Talik on Oct. 7/87, late of 350 Lonsdale Ave. #305.
Anne Frohman on Oct. 9/87, late of 136 Caribou Rd.
Stephen Bregman on Oct. 7/87, late of 27 Colonnade Rd.
Fred Switzer on Oct. 9/87, late of 35 Peveril Hill North.
Jack Friedman on Oct. 12/87, late of 202 Hillhurst Blvd.
Helen Tenenbaum on Oct. 10/87, late of 125 Regina Ave.
Morris Wiesenfeld on Oct. 14/87, late of 216 Delhi Avenue.
Ignat Voinea on Oct. 16/87, late of 22 Lissom Cres.
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New condo rules sought

TORONTO — Ontario's condominium developers want full disclosure of the zoning approval status of condominiums offered for sale, and better protection for money paid before final zoning is approved.

In a brief to Ontario provincial government officials, The Urban Development Institute of Ontario and the Ontario Home Builders' Association have called for a disclosure statement to be attached to all agreements of purchase and sale prior to zoning approval which spells out the implications of what may happen if a zoning application fails.

Deposits paid before zoning approval, meanwhile, would be held in interest-bearing trust accounts for the purchasers.

Selling condominiums before final zoning approval is called "preselling," a necessary part of the condominium marketing process and one which benefits consumers, according to the brief.

"Buyers should have clear, advance knowledge if the zoning necessary for the project is not in place," according to John Switzer, president of UDI/Ontario, and president, J. H. Switzer Corp.

"In addition," Switzer said, "they should know that their deposit is secure in a trust account and that interest is paid on the deposit."

"The alternative of banning preselling outright may add to the market price of condominiums, limit the number that could be financed, and give designers less time to make changes that the people who will live in the suites clearly want," according to John Bassel of the OHBA, president of the Arcadia Group and a member of the Toronto Home Builders' Association's multiple dwellings committee.

They spoke in response to suggestions made by members of the Toronto city council neighborhoods committee that council should ask the provincial government for the ban.

The developers urged:

- **requiring a full explanation "in bold and prominently positioned wording" of the zoning status of condominiums, included in every agreement of purchase and sale, pointing out that the municipality may not grant zoning approval;**
- placing pre-zoning deposits in trust for the purchaser so the developer has no access to them until zoning is approved;
- entitling the purchaser to supply a letter of credit in lieu of a cash deposit, to which the developer would also have access only after zoning approval; and
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Annuity expert learns from his real life woes

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

Personal tragedies have given Earl Crackower an insight and the determination to help others rise above their pain and desperation, particularly those facing the twilight years.

Crackower recently became a partner in the Sherr, Bergstein & Crackower Annuity Insurance Agency which was formed in 1980 by Sherr and Bergstein. The agency, which has a regular The Readers Ask column in The CJN, deals exclusively in RRSPs, RRIFs and annuities.

In joining Bunny Bergstein who has 35 years experience in financial planning, and Murray Sherr with 22 years in the field, Crackower adds a counselling dimension based on his more than 20 years in the insurance and investment fields. His area of expertise is in corporate estate planning, retirement planning, and business insurance.

"My family taught me many lessons," says the 45-year-old consultant. "My father taught me the value of hard work and the importance of an education." Ben Crackower was a partner at Schipper Fur Fashions.

"And my mother, Florence Crackower, taught me to be honest, caring and to have empathy — things that have helped me throughout my life." He adds that from his grandparents Solomon and Dora Gertzbein, one of the founding families of the Shomrai Shabbat Synagogue (originally at Sussex and Brunswick), he learned to appreciate his heritage and a love of Yiddish and Yiddishkeit.

Earl Crackower

He studied and later practiced as an industrial accountant servicing prestigious companies such as Shell and Dominion Bridge. But he soon found that his interest was waning, and in 1967 he "inadvertently" entered the insurance world to discover that he loved to work directly with people.

His enthusiasm and positive approach brought him recognition at Standard Life where he became a branch manager. Later he joined the Life Underwriters Association of Canada (LUAC) and worked as a professional policies consultant in charge of Ethics and Practices.

In 1976, in his mid-30s, Crackower says, "the roof fell in on me." His father had a major stroke, he lost a close personal friend, his marriage ended in divorce, and he had to deal with the emotional upheaval of his three children.

"My own vulnerability gave me a deeper insight into the personal conflicts of others and the impetus to change direction in my career and branch out from insurance to financial planning." With the implementation of tax laws in 1981 which provided new advantages through RRSPs and RRIFs, Crackower emphasized planning and investment with his growing list of clients.

Just as his life began to straighten out and just before his marriage, his fiance died leaving three children, one married, and the other two moved in with Crackower.

"Throughout this period I tried to hold on. You have two ways to go — optimism or pessimism — and I made my choice. I chose the survival route."

Over the years, Crackower met Bergstein and Sherr at many professional meetings and in 1985 they began exploring the possibility of joining forces. Early in 1987, they formalized their partnership and Crackower brought with him his experience in retirement planning and investment counselling.

Despite adversity, Crackower describes himself as "a lucky man." He says he thanks his early childhood training for teaching him that "every life experience gives me something positive and uplifting."

Today, Crackower describes himself as "a reconstituted family man." More than a year ago, he married Beverly, who has two children. "The happiest time of the day for me is when I go home and see Beverly. I'm so grateful — I have nice kids and terrific partners who are the foremost financial planners in the investment field particularly for people embarking on the autumn of their lives." Exuberantly he adds, "I look forward to my work every day."

He says he believes that there is an answer to most painful problems of life. "We have dedicated ourselves to helping our clients find those answers and helping them look forward to an emotionally and financially happier future.

"The first step is to recognize that you need some help and advice," he says. "The next is to ask for it — the rest is easier."

Demand drives country lot prices higher

TORONTO —

Strong demand for country building lots and small acreage within commuting distance of Toronto has placed upward pressure on selling prices, according to the latest Town and Country Properties survey from Royal LePage Real Estate Services Ltd.

"Because the supply of smaller parcels available for sale does not meet the demand, we have seen an increase in prices, especially in areas of established luxury estates where a small country lot can command a price tag in excess of $100,000," says Sue Cumberland, manager of Royal LePage's town and country properties department.

"Similar patterns are now emerging in the fringe areas of many of Ontario's larger urban centres such as Ottawa, London, and Windsor, where growth and development are significant," states Cumberland. "Prime building lots in the country can easily start in the $30,000 range or higher in these areas."

The increase in value can be attributed to two major factors, says Cumberland.

"First of all, a policy adopted by some Ontario municipalities to protect agricultural land, allowing only three severances on township lots (usually 100 acre parcels), has made it difficult to split large parcels of land into smaller lots," she says.

"In addition, most people are unwilling to go through the costly and time consuming application process required by most municipalities for plan of subdivision on these larger acreages.

"Another factor is that a great deal of land has been banked over the years by builders and held for the purpose of future development," comments Cumberland.

"Keep in mind that the most important factors determining the value of country building lots and small acreages will be the amenities such as streams, ponds, and quality of the access roads, rather than the number of acres," she says.

"In some cases, a 2-acre parcel may demand the same price as a 10- or even 25-acre property depending on the amenities and location."

"Conversely, around communities still having vast country areas to draw from, including cottage country where the majority of the purchasers want waterfrontage, the value of country lots and acreages have remained steady in recent years," says Cumberland.

"For example, good country lots near Parry Sound or Smiths Falls will start at $5,000, while in Sarnia, Trenton, and Cornwall, they can be obtained for between $10,000 to $15,000."

"We believe this is also a factor prompting an increasing number of people to consider the idea of country retreats as opposed to cottages, and the growth of the retirement community concept in rural areas," she concludes.

Business Outlook

Real estate firm's new office reflects optimism

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —
For almost six weeks Royal LePage staff members endured noise and grime as work crews renovated their drab Downsview branch.

Their perseverance recently paid off as real estate executives cut a festive white ribbon officially opening the new 2,800-square-foot office at 4430 Bathurst St (one block north of Sheppard).

"We had everybody in the back half of this office for about five or six weeks working in dust and dirt and hammering — you name it," company executive Ken Belcher told about 140 employees, lawyers and other guests at the late-afternoon gala opening.

"I think it's just a credit to these people that they not only put up with all this, but they produced extremely well during that period of time," said Belcher, vice-president and regional manager for central Toronto residential real estate services.

The $160,000 renovation project — part of a $10 million upgrading and expansion program of Royal LePage residential branch offices across Canada — replaced worn furnishings with a classy new decor. Old walls were torn down and new partitions erected, making work stations more comfortable and private.

Among the many company officials at the recent opening was George Cormack, president and chief executive officer of real estate services.

Residental real estate services executives included president Ozzie Jurock as well as David Higgins, senior vice-president and divisional general manager for central Ontario, and Bernie Vogt, senior vice-president and divisional general manager for western Ontario.

Regional managers of residential services included Mary Hurley, Stan Pasternak and Andrew Atkins.

Ald. Ron Summers presented a scroll on behalf of North York citizens in honor of the opening.

During the event the crowd was entertained by a classical duet of violin and guitar. Guests were also treated to wine, cheese, sandwiches and chocolates, to name a few delectables.

Branch manager Sheldon Lifshen said in an interview his office serves Downsview, Thornhill, Willowdale and North Toronto in a region bounded by Lawrence Avenue, Highway 7, Keele Street and Yonge Street. About 55,000 homes are located in the area.

Lifshen said sales have already begun to show a major upswing.

In 1986 the office won the distinction of having the most improved sales from the previous year of all Metro Toronto offices. During that period sales of residential properties jumped by almost 400%, said Lifshen, who became branch manager last year.

This year sales have continued to climb. Even during the renovation period from May to July sales rose by 20%.

Lifshen said the area served by his branch office, which has a staff of 24 sales reps and four support workers, has a growing appeal because of the large number of synagogues and proposed Sheppard Ave. subway line.

It also offers a viable alternative to living north of Metro Toronto, he added.

"Many people are moving into the area," he said. "There's a tremendous amount of renovation and rejuvenation going on in Willowdale. Certain properties along Sheppard have shown a tremendous increase in values in the last two years."

The branch plans to hold community open houses, where members of the public can find out more about their properties and get updated information on their community's real estate market. Residents will also be able to learn more about Royal LePage's residential services and programs.

Accountants go for hole in Toronto bagel market

By
BRUCE PARKINSON

TORONTO —
Two Toronto accountants who left successful careers to go into business for themselves are really making the dough now.

That's because Eric Bailis and Bernie Good, both former Montrealers, make what they claim to be the only Montreal-style bagels in Toronto, at the Thornhill location of St. Urbain Bagel.

"Now we're seeing the other side of the coin," said Bailis, 30, who spent almost 7 years with the accounting firm of Orenstein and Partners.

"It's totally different seeing things on a day to day basis rather than looking at a year-end financial statement."

The partners have no regrets about their previous careers, but both agree they "really didn't want to go any further in the accounting business."

They discussed the project for 6 months before taking the plunge. For a while it was a tough transition, dealing with the day-to-day crises of running a small business — a big change from accounting, where, Good said, "you are trying to solve problems without actually experiencing them.

"In four months here I've learned more about business than in 6½ years as an accountant."

Even though the hours are longer, the instant reward of a satisfied customer makes up for the sweat and toil.

"In accounting, the relationship with clients is almost adversarial at times," said Good.

"Employees often think you are checking for theft or mistakes and there is rarely any positive feedback from clients. Here you have immediate feedback."

The unassuming bagel, introduced to North America by Eastern European Jewish immigrants, has become big business. Last year's U.S. sales toppped $600 million.

New York City and Montreal are both known for their distinctive bagels — and Toronto's large population of ex-Montrealers often lament the lack of Montreal-style bagels available.

Future plans for the accountants-turned-bagel-makers are ambitious.

They have already started taking orders from retail stores — including Simpson's downtown.

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Canada becoming "superb" market

Mint zooms up publishing's corporate ladder

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN
MARKHAM —

When Morty Mint was a young boy, he might have been considered an underachiever.

His school marks were often poor and the teachers at his Montreal Hebrew day school thought he had a "behavioral problem."

Later, when he moved to Toronto and attended high school, he almost failed seven grade 13 subjects including English.

What then can explain Mint's remarkable rise to become the president and publisher of Penguin Books Canada Ltd., one of the top Canadian book producers in this country? At 43, he is one of Canada's youngest publishers.

Mint has no simple answers for his success. In fact, he acknowledges there are almost no ties between his early years and his reincarnation as a respected leader of one of Canada's most revered cultural industries.

Perhaps, he says, he owes his success to luck: "Because I honestly believe had I got myself into something else, I would have been successful at that as well."

Still, there is no doubt vibrant personal qualities — including a down-to-earth understanding and caring attitude towards his staff — may give clues to his appeal.

His infectious enthusiasm is a strong motivating factor for his workers and: "Besides all else, I believe in honesty and integrity."

Mint — whose original family name has been shortened from "Mintzis" — was born in Hamilton near the end of World War II to Russian immigrant Irving Mint and his wife, Frances, from Bronx NY.

Mint was the oldest of three children and before he turned 4, the family moved to the Montreal suburb of Outremont.

The family later moved to Toronto after Mint's father was made Ontario sales manager for the Simon Cigar Co.

After completing grade 13, Mint was accepted at McGill University where he completed a Bachelor of Science in chemistry and bio-chemistry.

He planned to go into dentistry, but he soon changed his mind after he failed the requisite manual dexterity test.

Newly graduated and uncertain about his future, Mint took a full-time position at Shopsy's in Weston, Ont., where he had spent a few summers as a truck driver and plant worker.

His career as a laborer was to be short-lived.

In 1966 he was hired as a college sales representative by Collier MacMillan. On the very same day Mint met his future wife Marilyn Ricci, a University of Toronto BA literature graduate. She was hired by the same company.

The foundations for Mint's book publishing career had now been firmly set.

In January, 1968, he was transferred by Collier MacMillan overseas to England where he married Marilyn a short time later.

For awhile he worked as a college sales representative in the Welsh and English coastal districts. He was then asked to set up a post-secondary division sales force in England for Collier MacMillan's burgeoning overseas publishing companies.

In 1970 he returned to Canada where he became marketing manager for MacMillan, and later the school division manager.

In 1973 Mint joined Fitzhenry and Whiteside as marketing director of the educational division. Two years later he transferred to Collins Publishers, starting out as paperback sales manager. By the time he left the company 8½ years later he had climbed the corporate ladder reaching the rung of executive vice-president.

When Mint joined Penguin Books in 1984 at the age of 39 as president and publisher of its Canadian operations, the company, headquartered in England, had sales of just over $7 million a year in Canada. Since then it has grown to annual sales of close to $20 million.

Much has changed in the publishing business in the two decades Mint has been involved.

"It is becoming much more of a business — a dollars and cents business — and a much more market-driven business today than it used to be," says the father of two teenaged boys.

Mint says Canada is becoming a "superb" market for book publishing.

"More Canadian books are being published in Canada today than ever before. The Canadian marketplace is one of the strongest English language markets in the world and more people who are contributing are looking to publish here."

Penguin has become one of the top three publishers of Canadian books in the country, Mint says.

Manuscipts arrive at Penguin's 2801 John St. office in Markham on a daily basis. But less than 1% are accepted, and most of those have been commissioned by the publisher.

Mint says manuscripts are usually read by Penguin's editorial staff and occasionally by himself.

"My greatest joy right now has to do with being able to pick up a manuscript, read it and finish it and say: 'I think this is fantastic'."

Mint, who lists his hobbies as "work, coaching ice hockey, volleyball and work," says he also thrills at being able to occasionally acquire the rights to publish new books by favorite authors such as famed spy novelist John Le Carre.

About two years ago, Mint, who used to love reading adventure novels as a youngster, got a hold of Le Carre's manuscript for A Perfect Spy.

He read it over a weekend and besides knowing it would be fabulous, Mint says it was exciting to know that he was likely among only four to five people in the world to have read it.

The book is now available in Penguin paperback.

Morty Mint poses with a stuffed penguin at his Markham office. [Belinda Silberman photo]

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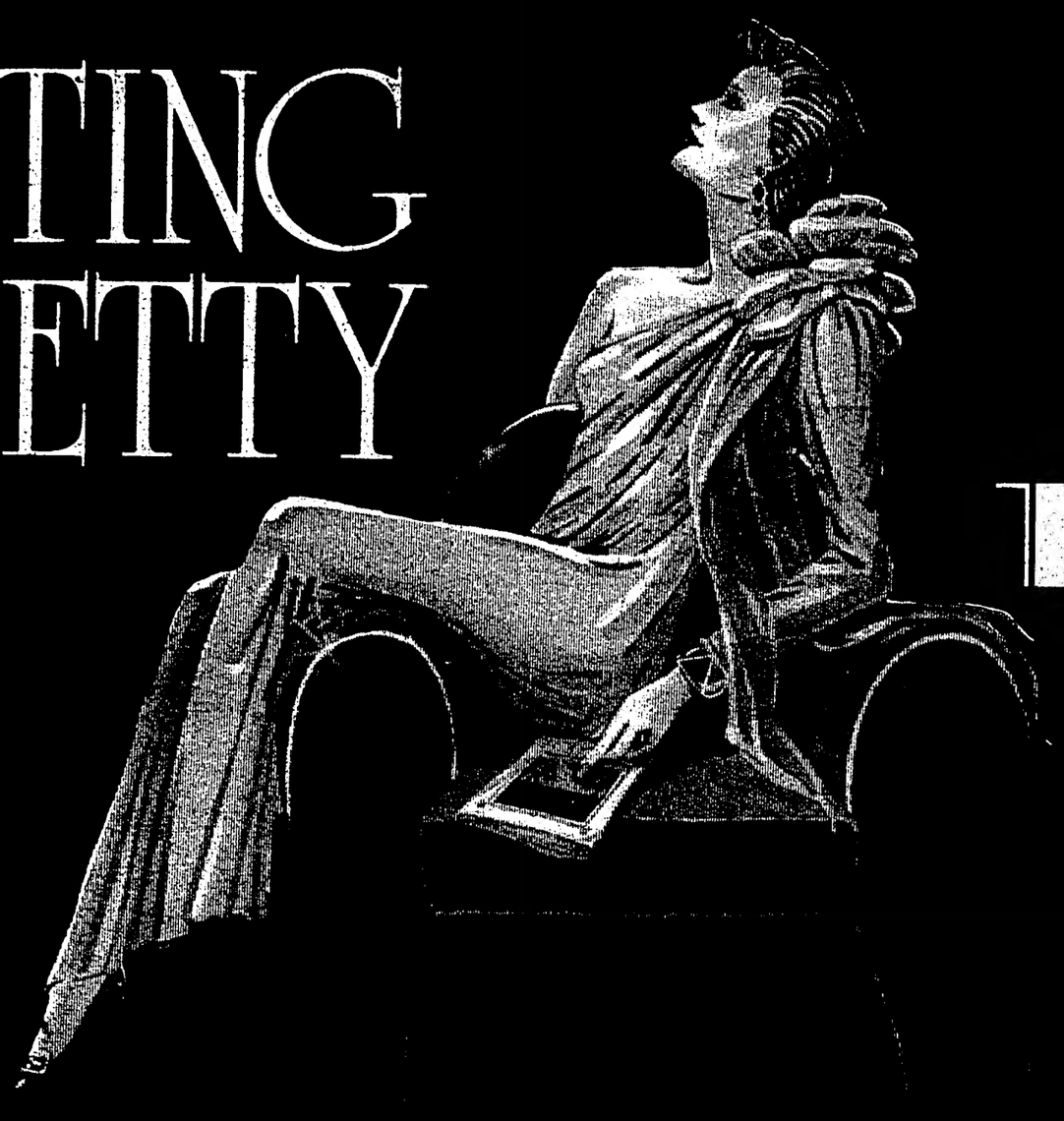

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